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## The Story So Far. . .

Risa and Ôtani are their class's lopsided comedy duo, and after an agonizingly complicated journey, they've become a couple! Ôtani has been accepted into a teachers' college, while Risa plans to become a fashion stylist. At the graduation party, Ôtani gets lots of laughs in the class play as Issunbôshi, Kohori-kun finally finds a girlfriend in Abe-san, and things are going well between Risa and Ôtani. And graduation day rolls around!!

When the school representative has a fainting spell, Risa and Ôtani end up on the dais leading the class in a bonzoi cheer!! There were lots of crazy moments, lots of tears and lots of laughter during their high school years, but it's finally over. And soon, Risa and Ôtani will focus on their future. Now how about a story from the duo's time in middle school?

♥ To really get all the details, check out *Lovely Complex* volumes 1-16, available at bookstores everywhere!!





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THIS STORY IS ABOUT THE  
TWO BEFORE THEY MET!



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Ôtani, Seventh Grade



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COM  
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Love★Com ended in  
volume 16, so these are  
bonus stories. See Ôtani  
in seventh grade, Risa in  
eighth grade, the two of  
them in ninth grade...  
and what everyone is  
up to after graduation.  
I hope you enjoy it.



I ALWAYS  
HAD TO  
STAND IN  
THE FRONT  
ROW DURING  
MORNING  
GREETINGS.

3 on 3 Mini Soccer (Three-hour sessions)	
General	1600 yen
Students (junior high and up)	1400 yen
Students (elementary school)	1300 yen
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Tennis

EVEN  
WHEN I  
WAS A KID,  
I WAS  
SHORT.

AND WITH A  
NAME LIKE  
ÔTANI, "BIG  
VALLEY"...

...I  
ALWAYS  
FELT  
OBLIGED  
TO SAY,  
"SORRY I'M  
SUCH A  
LITTLE  
DIP"...

IT'S ONLY  
1,300 YEN  
FOR GRADE-  
SCHOOLERS!

OH!

...OR  
SOME-  
THING  
LIKE  
THAT.







...AND  
SWOOSH,  
IT GOES  
RIGHT IN.

THE BALL  
SOARS UP  
TO THAT  
IMPOSSIBLY  
DISTANT  
NET...

BASKET-  
BALL'S  
MY  
FAVORITE  
SPORT.



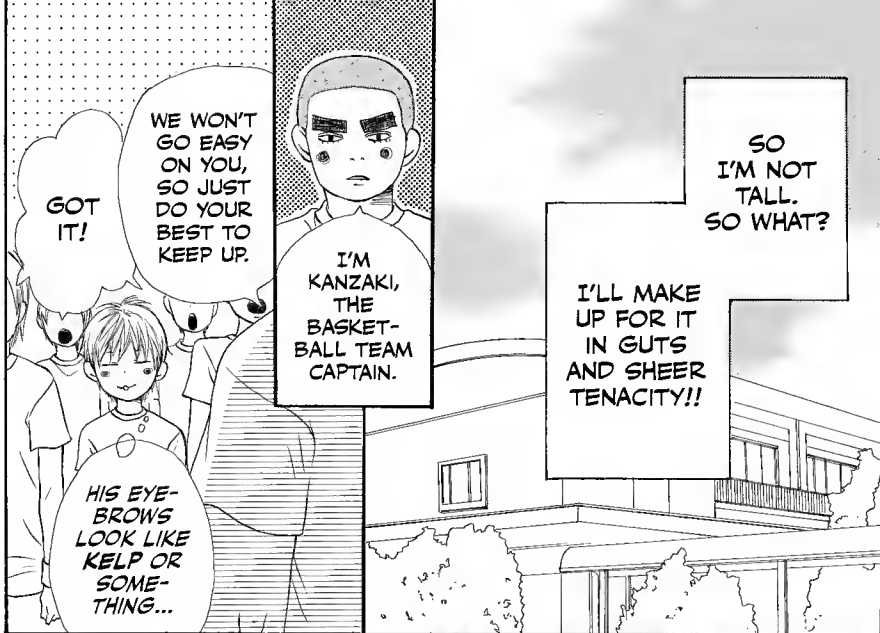
I'M  
SIGNING  
UP FOR  
BASKET-  
BALL!!

HEY, WE  
HAVE  
TO PICK  
CLUB  
ACTIVITIES  
SOON.  
WHAT'RE  
YOU  
GONNA  
JOIN,  
OTANI?

YEAH!

WITH  
YOUR  
HEIGHT  
?

IT  
FEELS  
SOOO  
GOOD.



GOT IT!

WE WON'T GO EASY ON YOU, SO JUST DO YOUR BEST TO KEEP UP.

I'M KANZAKI, THE BASKETBALL TEAM CAPTAIN.

SO I'M NOT TALL. SO WHAT?

I'LL MAKE UP FOR IT IN GUTS AND SHEER TENACITY!!

HIS EYE-BROWS LOOK LIKE Kelp OR SOMETHING...



WANNA TEAM UP?

THIS GUY SEEMS COOL.

SURE!



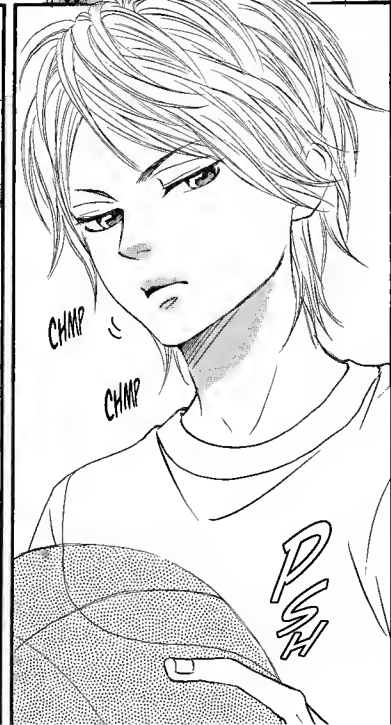
ALL RIGHT, LET'S PAIR UP FOR PASSING.

I DON'T KNOW ANYBODY HERE. PAIR UP?



YOU ALONE?









NAKAO,  
HUH?

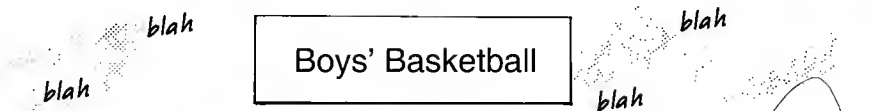
I THINK  
I CAN BE  
FRIENDS  
WITH  
THIS GUY.



DUDE,  
YOU WERE  
STARING  
AT HIS  
FACE THE  
WHOLE TIME  
HE WAS  
TALKING.

YOU  
NOTICED  
HIS KELP  
BROWS  
TOO?

WAS  
NOT!



## Boys' Basketball



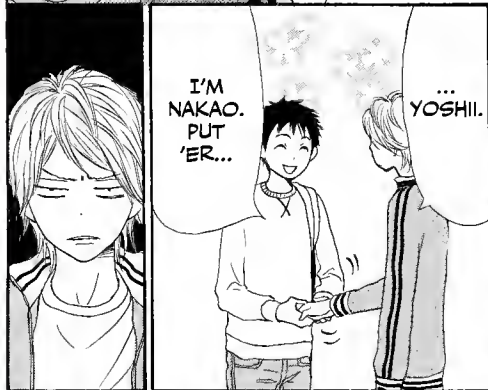
OUTTA  
MY WAY.



SURE.  
COME  
OVER  
WHEN-  
EVER.

YOU LIVE  
NEAR ME!  
WANNA  
HANG OUT  
SOMETIME?

OH...







Hello! Nakahara here! This collection of bonus stories will be the final volume of *Love★Com*. When I first started the series, little did I imagine it would continue for 17 volumes! I've been so excited through the whole thing...

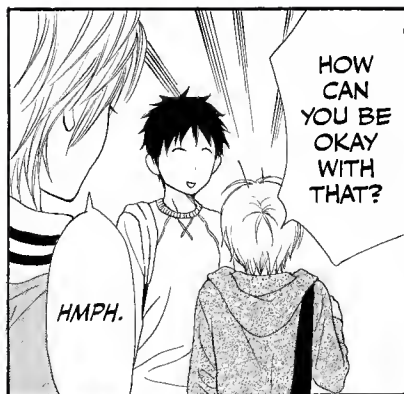
Okay, okay, I guess I should get serious for the final volume. Or should I write these columns as usual? What a dilemma. It's like a train starting without the passengers... choo-choo...

Either way, guess I've gotta get started!

The *Love★Com* anime started in April of 2007. Nothing could be more exciting for an anime fan girl like me. I've been constantly surprised to see people I've loved and admired for years get involved in the project.

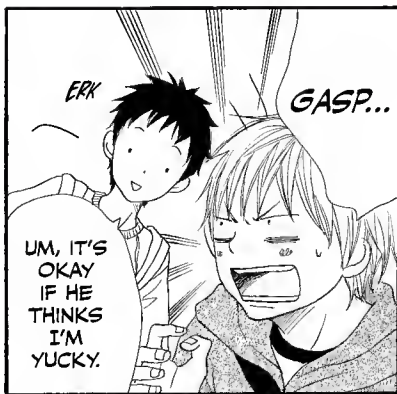
POP  It made my eyes pop.





HOW  
CAN  
YOU BE  
OKAY  
WITH  
THAT?

HMPH.



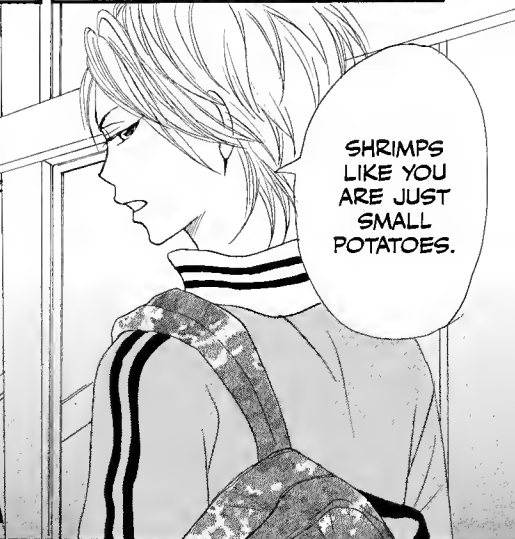
ERK

GASP...

UM, IT'S  
OKAY  
IF HE  
THINKS  
I'M  
YUCKY.



?!



SHRIMPS  
LIKE YOU  
ARE JUST  
SMALL  
POTATOES.

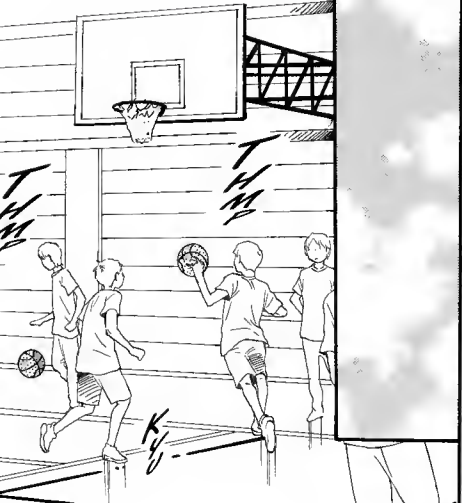


NOW,  
NOW...

NOISY  
SHRIMP.

NOW  
YOU'VE  
GOTTA  
APOLOGIZE  
TO *BOTH*  
OF US!!

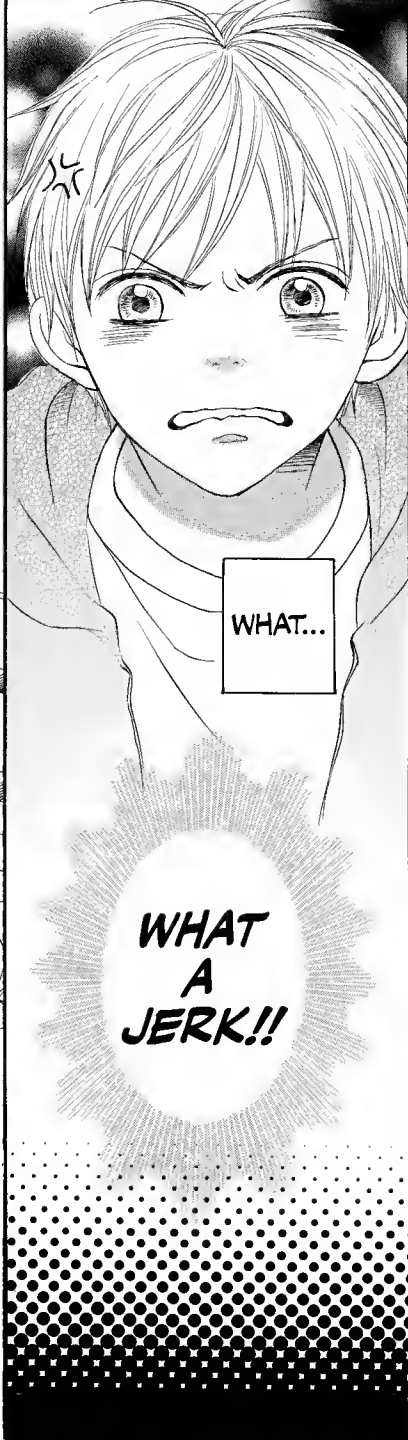
DID YOU  
JUST  
CALL ME  
*SMALL?*



SMALL  
POTATOES,  
HUH?

HEY,  
YOSHII.

LET'S  
PLAY.



WHAT...

**WHAT  
A  
JERK!!**









ARE YOU  
PLAYING  
FOR REAL?

WHAT...  
DO YOU  
THINK?

DAK

PSH

DAK

PSH

DAK

PSH



WE'RE  
GONNA  
HAVE A  
SCRIMMAGE  
WITH NISSHU  
TWO MONTHS  
FROM NOW.

WHAT'S  
WRONG  
WITH  
ME?



...AND  
YOSHII.

THE  
REST  
OF YOU  
WILL BE  
SUBS.

THE  
FIRST-YEAR  
STARTERS  
ARE KATO,  
NAKATANI,  
OZAKI,  
WADA...

NOOOO



I GUESS  
PLAYING  
ON A REAL  
TEAM IS  
DIFFERENT  
FROM  
FOOLING  
AROUND  
WITH YOUR  
FRIENDS.

I HEAR  
EVEN IF  
YOU'RE A  
SUB, HE'LL  
LET YOU IN  
IF YOU  
SHOW A  
LOT OF  
DRIVE.

SO  
LET'S  
KEEP  
AT IT.

YEAH...



HUH?

YOSHII-  
KUN!



POK ♡

HEY,  
YOSHII-  
KUN!

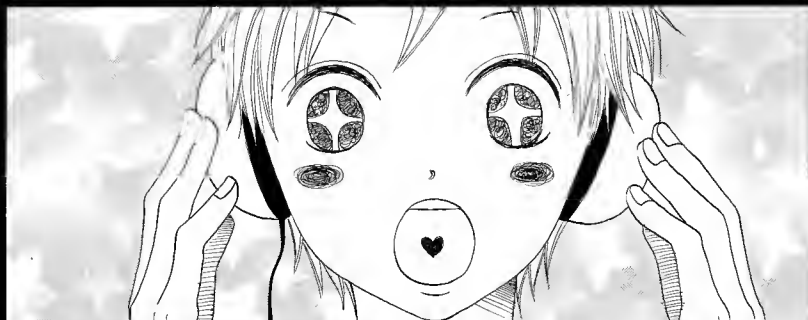
G  
R  
R



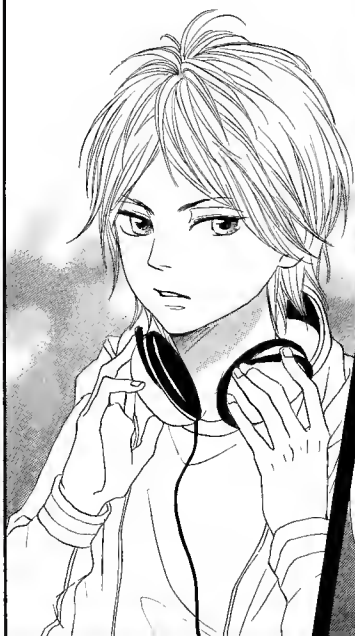
I THOUGHT  
THIS WAS  
SOMETHING  
I WAS  
GOOD AT.

HEY,  
IT'S  
YOSHII-  
KUN.

SIGH



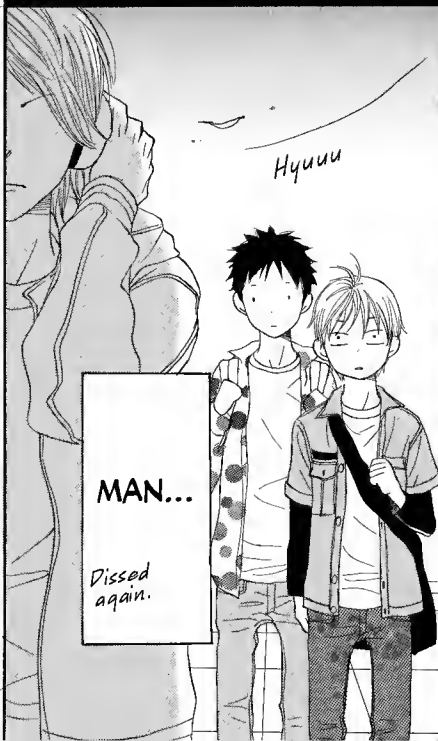




CAN I  
BORROW  
THAT CD  
SOME-  
TIME?



BUT  
HE'S SO  
COOL!



MAN...

Dissed  
again.

Hyuuu



NOPE.



AW,  
C'MON.

NO?



I  
WONDER  
IF HE'S  
ALWAYS  
LIKE  
THAT.

DOES  
HE HAVE  
ANY  
FRIENDS?

HUH?  
WHY?

I THINK  
YOSHII-KUN  
MOVED  
HERE FROM  
SOME-  
WHERE.

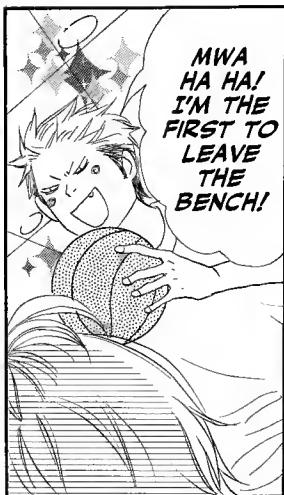
HE  
DOESN'T  
HAVE A  
KANSAI  
ACCENT.

OH  
YEAH...



OH  
WELL.

IT'S  
NOT MY  
PROBLEM.





LIKE  
HE'D  
LISTEN.

TO TAKE  
YOSHII  
OFF THE  
STARTING  
TEAM.

ASK  
HIM  
WHAT  
?

LET'S  
JUST  
ASK THE  
CAPTAIN.



HA  
HA...

Height...

I want  
height...



HUH?  
OH...

WHAT'D  
YOSHII  
DO?



YOU  
JUST CAN'T  
PLAY WITH  
A BALL  
HOG LIKE  
THAT.

I'LL  
SAY.

DUH.




HE  
DOESN'T  
EVEN  
THINK  
ABOUT  
TEAM-  
WORK.

THAT  
GUY...

ONCE  
HE'S GOT  
THE BALL,  
HE NEVER  
PASSES.





IF YOU'VE  
GOT A  
PROBLEM,  
YOU WANNA  
SAY IT TO  
MY FACE?

I DON'T  
KNOW IF  
HE'S JUST  
TRYING  
TO SHOW  
OFF, BUT...



WHINING  
BEHIND  
MY BACK.  
WHAT A  
BUNCH OF  
COWARDS.

HUH?



YOSHII... !



WHA...



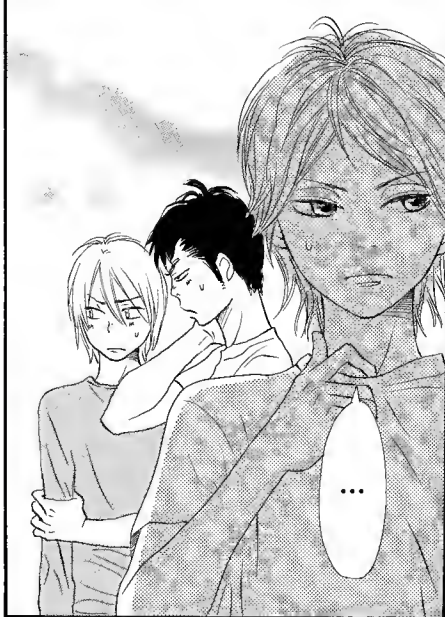
DIDN'T  
YOU  
HEAR  
ME?  
I SAID  
YOU'RE  
COWARDS.



SAY  
THAT  
AGAIN!



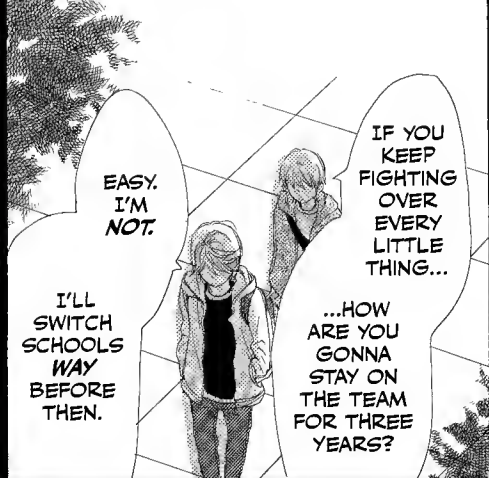






REALLY?

...



EASY.  
I'M  
NOT.

I'LL  
SWITCH  
SCHOOLS  
WAY  
BEFORE  
THEN.

IF YOU  
KEEP  
FIGHTING  
OVER  
EVERY  
LITTLE  
THING...

...HOW  
ARE YOU  
GONNA  
STAY ON  
THE TEAM  
FOR THREE  
YEARS?



SO EVEN IF  
YOU MADE  
FRIENDS,  
YOU'D HAVE  
TO LEAVE  
THEM. I'M  
SORRY.

BOY...

OH...

I  
SWITCHED  
GRADE  
SCHOOLS  
THREE  
TIMES.

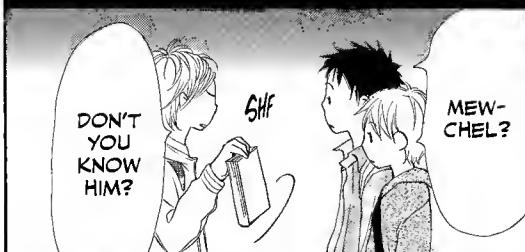
MY  
PARENTS  
HAVE TO  
MOVE A  
LOT FOR  
WORK.



IT'S  
JUST A  
WASTE  
OF TIME.

I DON'T  
NEED TO  
MAKE  
FRIENDS.







CUTE?



UNDER  
THAT  
TOUGH-  
GUY  
SHELL,  
YOU'RE  
A CUTE  
LITTLE  
KID!



WHAT?



WHOSE  
TEAM  
MASCOT  
ARE YOU  
SUPPOSED  
TO BE,  
MIDGET?

LOOK  
WHO'S  
TALKING!



BY  
THE WAY,  
NAKAO,  
WHY'D YOU  
JOIN THE  
TEAM?

ME?



NUTS.

HEY,  
YOU'RE  
PICKING  
UP A  
KANSAI  
ACCENT...



**THAT'S  
NOT  
FUNNY!!**



NOW,  
NOW!  
YOU'RE  
**BOTH**  
CUTE!



EW......

SO?

BY JOINING  
THE BASKET-  
BALL TEAM,  
I CAN SMELL  
SHOES ALL  
THE TIME...

YUCK...

ON  
SNEAKERS  
AND  
BASKET-  
BALL  
SHOES.

YOU  
KNOW,  
THE  
SMELL  
OF NEW  
RUBBER.

I LIKE  
THE  
SMELL  
OF SHOE  
STORES.



CREEPY!!

DAK

LET'S  
RUN  
FOR IT!  
THIS  
GUY'S  
THE  
REAL  
FREAK!!



ha  
ha  
ha  
ha

YOU  
KNOW...

RUN!

DAK

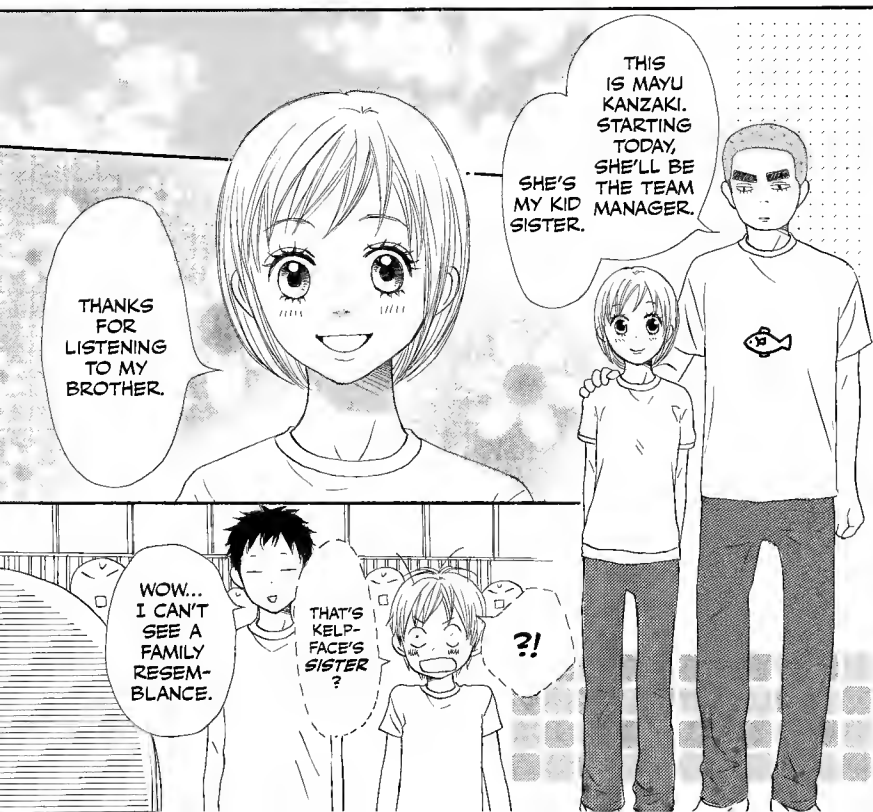
YES...  
CREEPY  
...

YIKES!  
HE'S  
AFTER  
US!



HE'S  
KINDA  
MOODY...

...BUT  
HE'S  
A FUN  
GUY.



THANKS  
FOR  
LISTENING  
TO MY  
BROTHER.

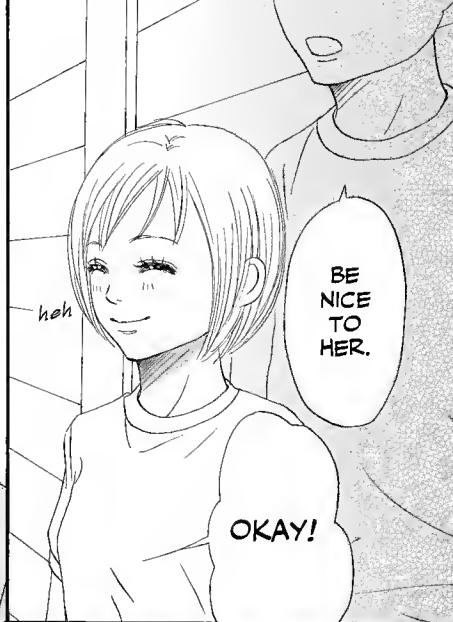
THIS  
IS MAYU  
KANZAKI.  
STARTING  
TODAY,  
SHE'LL BE  
THE TEAM  
MANAGER.  
SHE'S  
MY KID  
SISTER.

WOW...  
I CAN'T  
SEE A  
FAMILY  
RESEM-  
BLANCE.

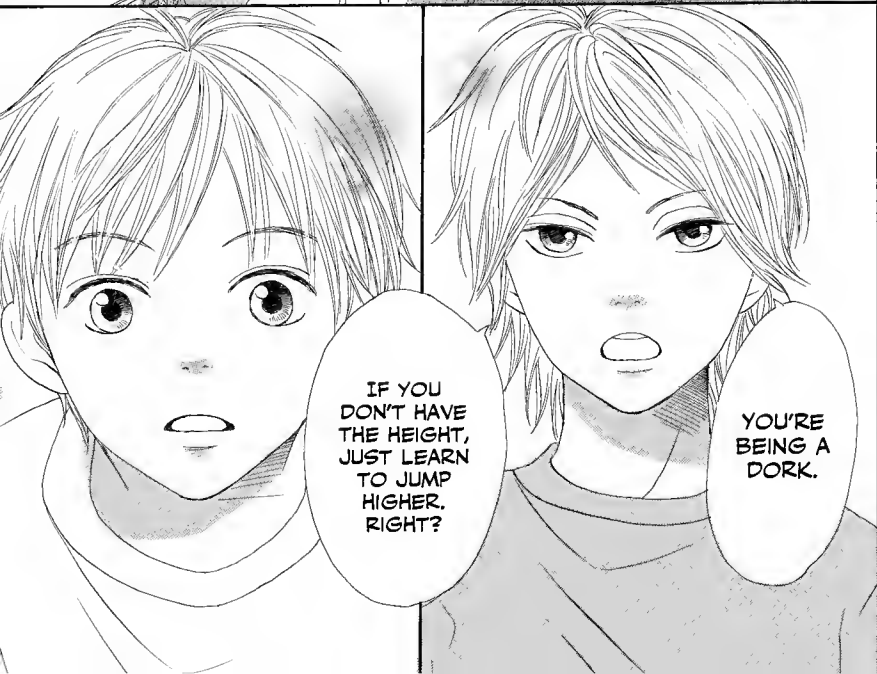
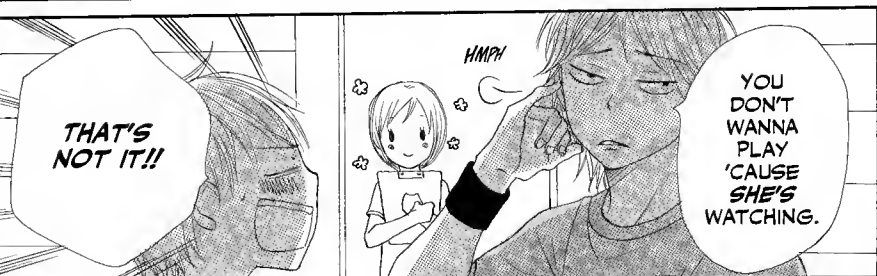
THAT'S  
KELP-  
FACE'S  
SISTER  
?

?!  
?





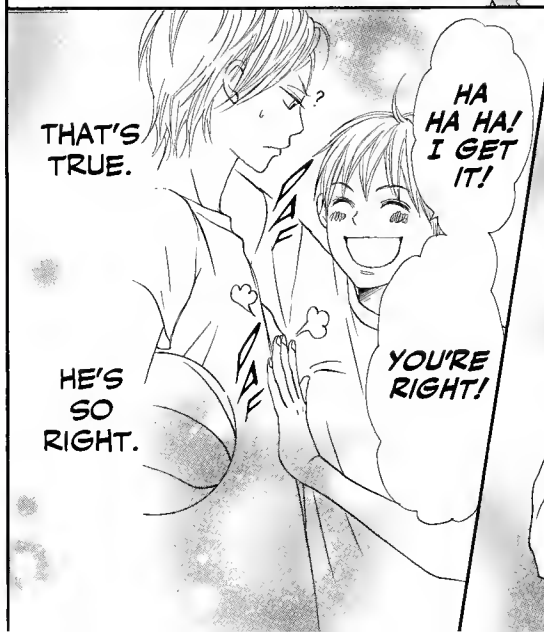
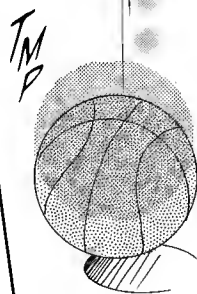






I  
GET  
IT.

GEEZ,  
WHAT'S  
YOUR  
DAMAGE?



THAT'S  
TRUE.

HE'S  
SO  
RIGHT.

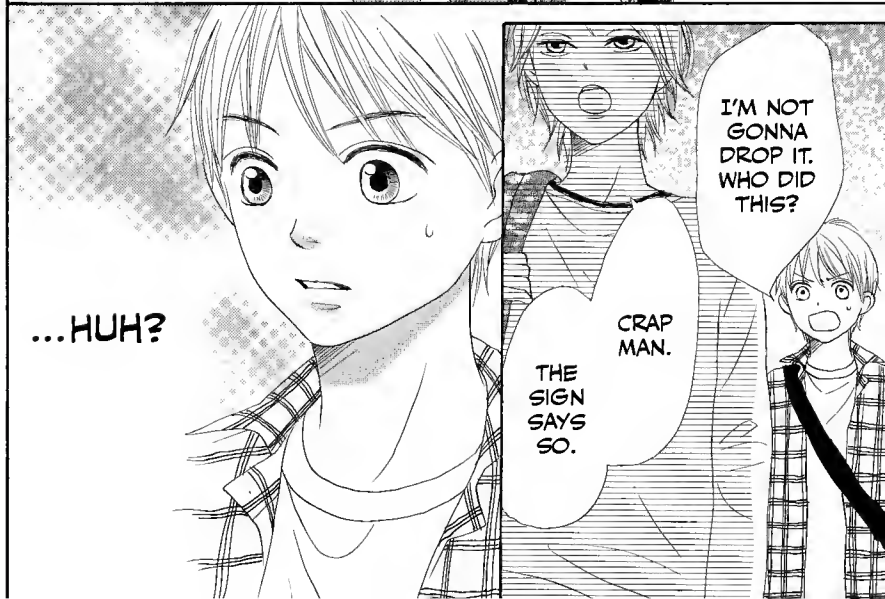
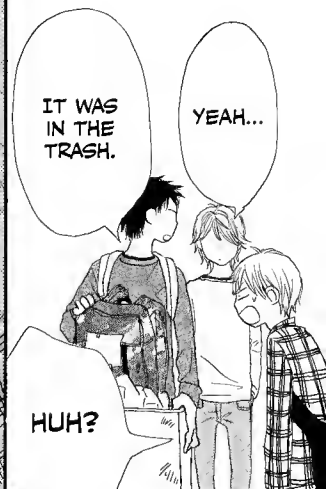
HA  
HA HA!  
I GET  
IT!

YOU'RE  
RIGHT!

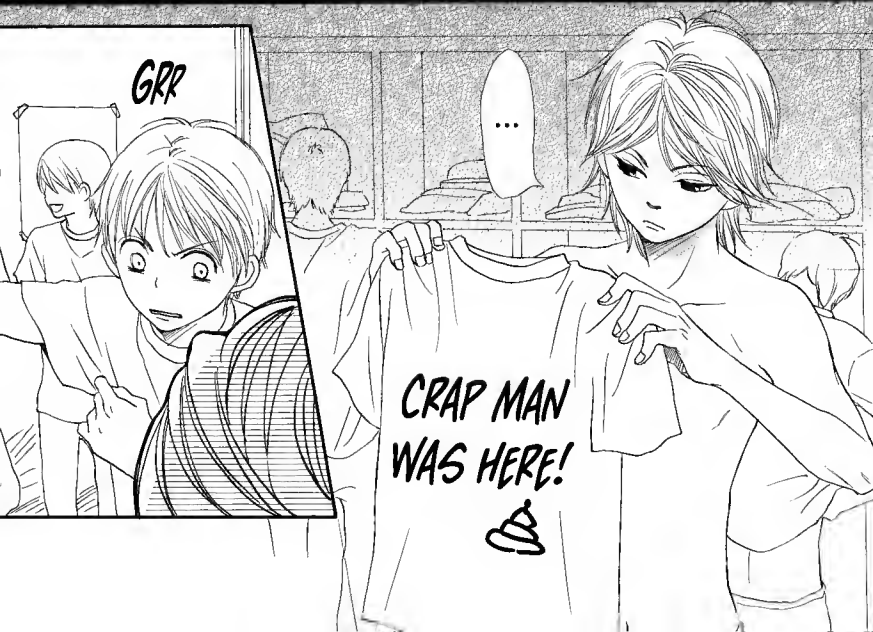


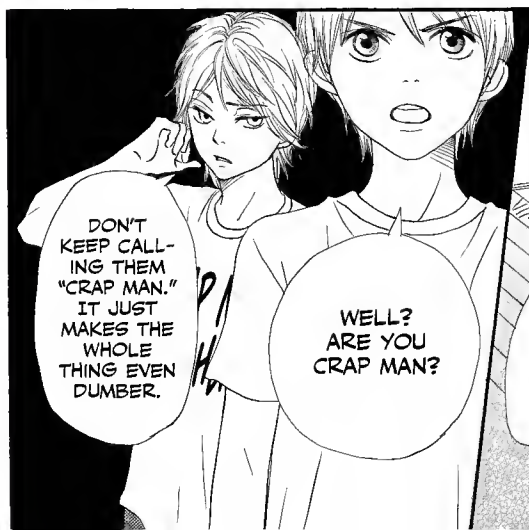
WHAT?













I'VE HAD  
WAY  
WORSE.

AND THIS  
IS THE  
LESSON?

CRAP MAN  
HERE!



YOU...

YOU  
ALWAYS  
ACT LIKE  
YOU'RE SO  
GREAT. WE  
WANTED TO  
TEACH YOU  
A LESSON.



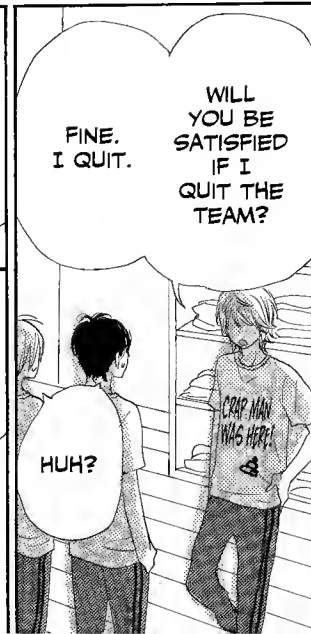
WE JUST  
WANTED  
YOU TO  
STOP  
ACTING  
ALL HIGH  
AND  
MIGHTY...

NO, YOU  
DON'T  
HAVE TO  
GO THAT  
FAR...



HUH?

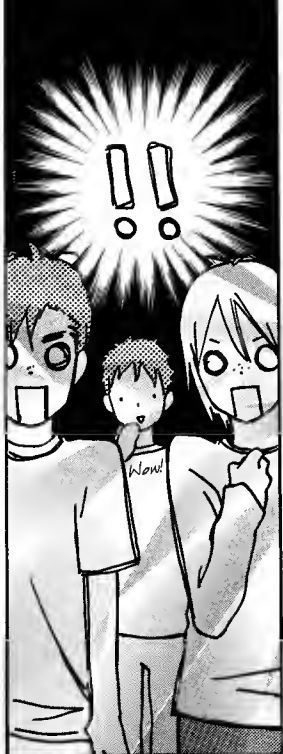
THAT'S  
SO  
STUPID...



FINE.  
I QUIT.

WILL  
YOU BE  
SATISFIED  
IF I  
QUIT THE  
TEAM?

HUH?



WHAM



WOULD  
YOU QUIT  
BACK  
TALKING  
EVERYBODY  
ALL THE  
TIME?

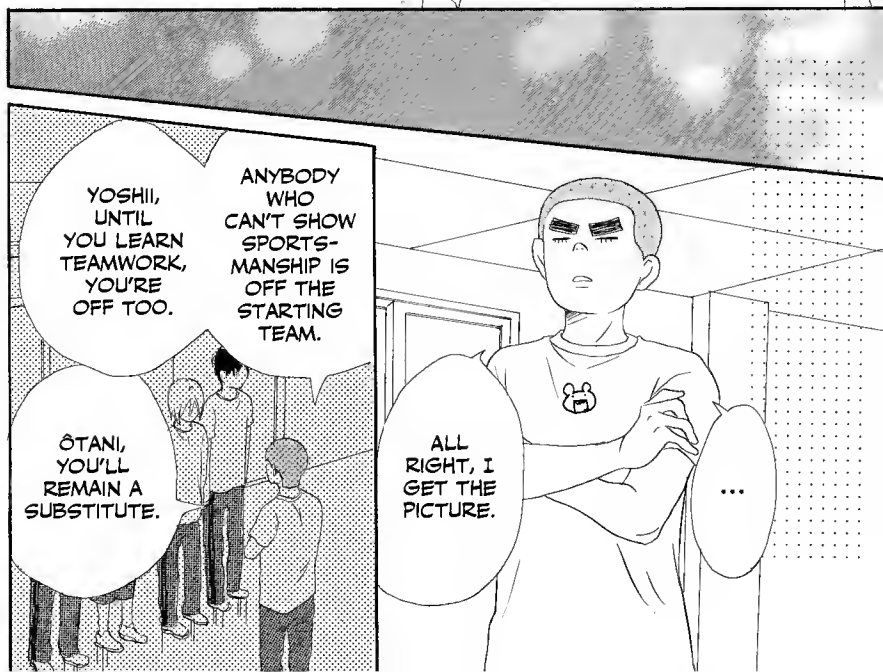
THAT  
HURT!!

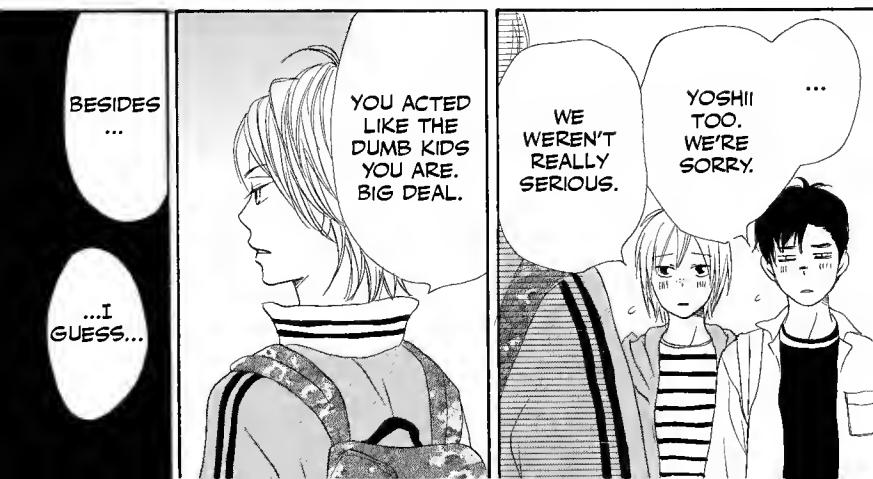
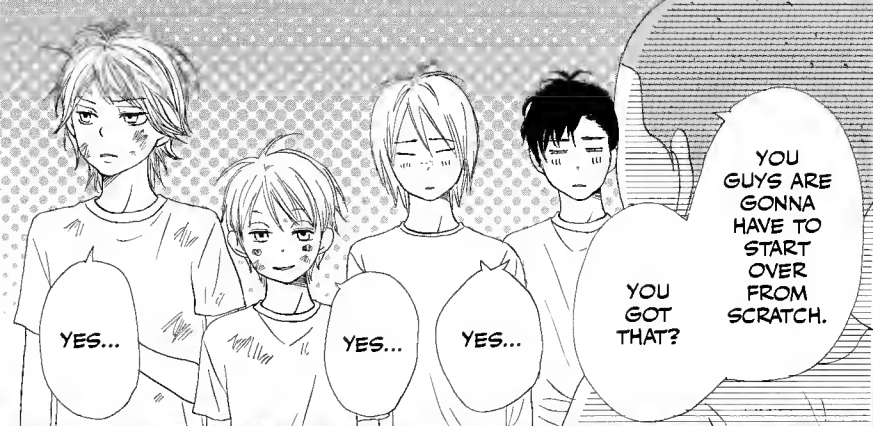
ARE YOU  
TRYING  
TO SHOW  
OFF OR  
WHAT?

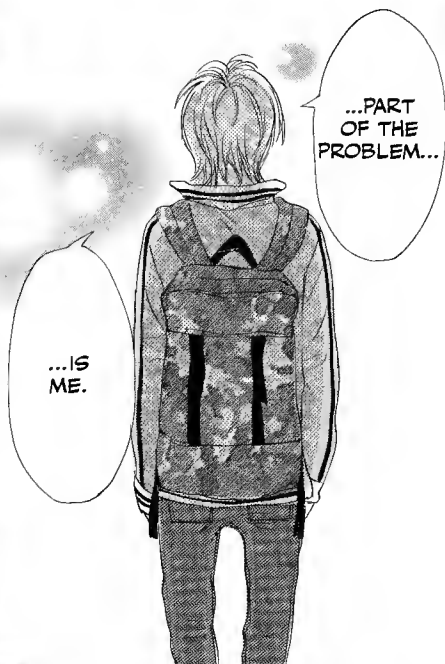
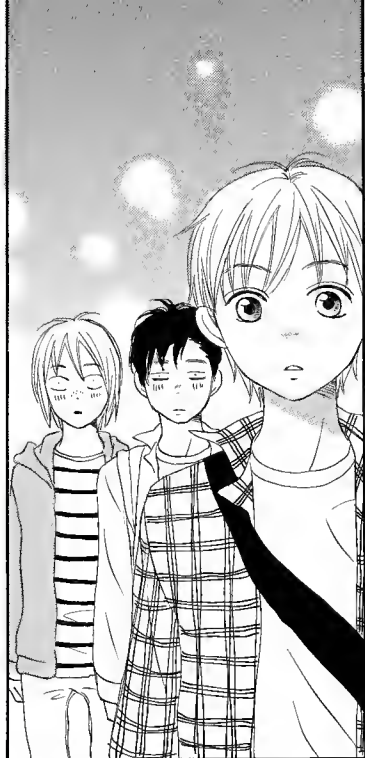
CRAP MAN  
WAS HERE!



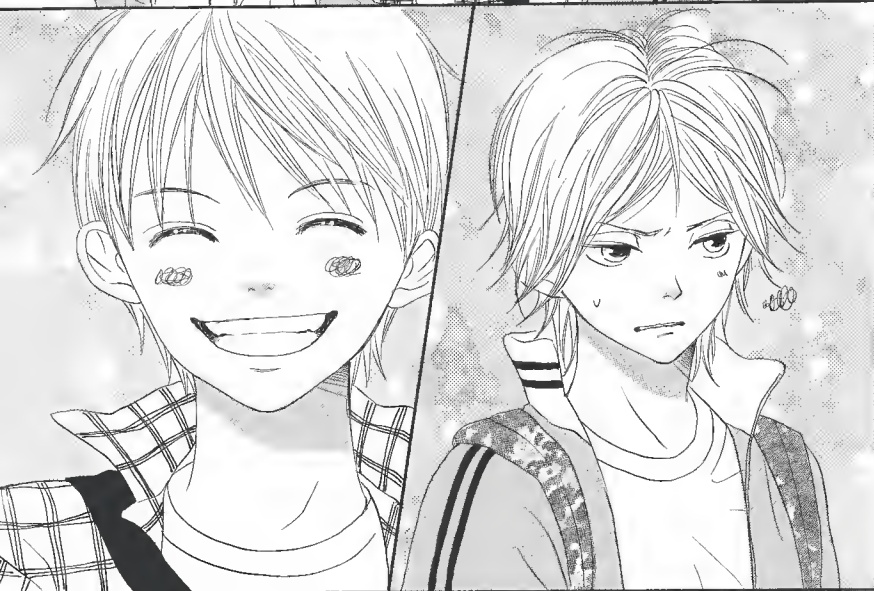














THUD

STOP

THAT  
DOESN'T  
MATTER  
AT ALL!

SO  
WHAT  
IF I'M  
SHORT?



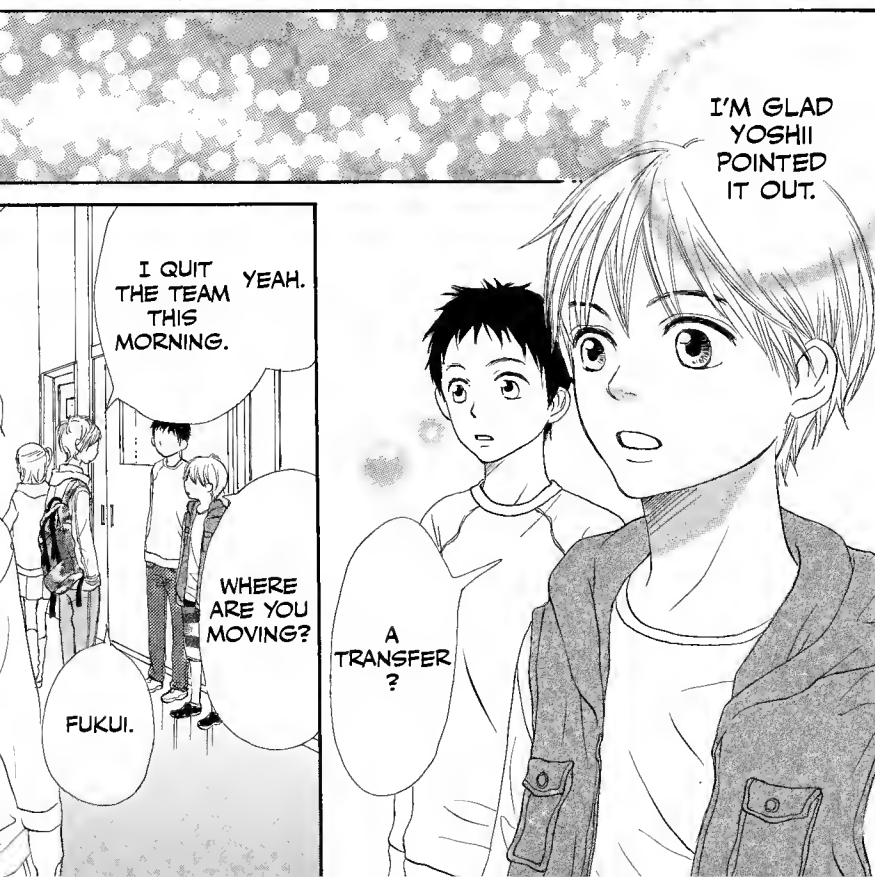
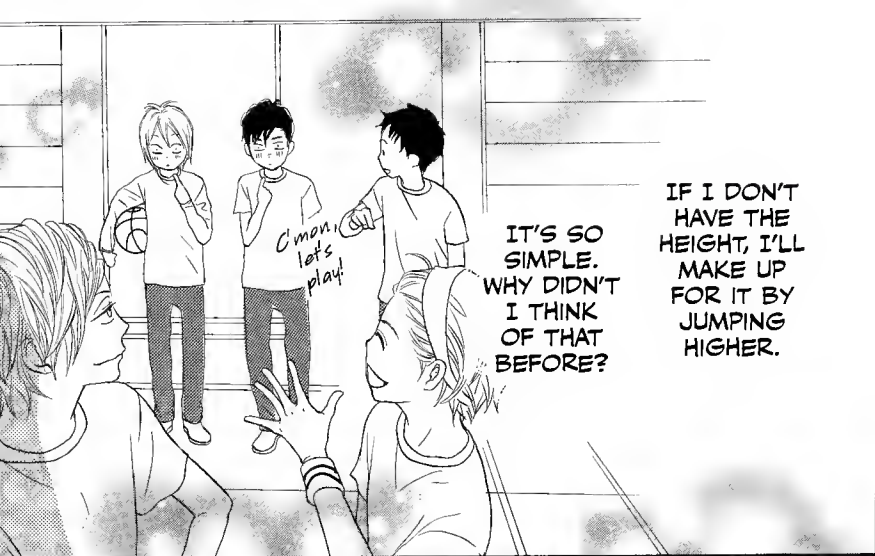
ha  
ha  
ha  
ha

I MADE  
THE  
STARTING  
TEAM!!

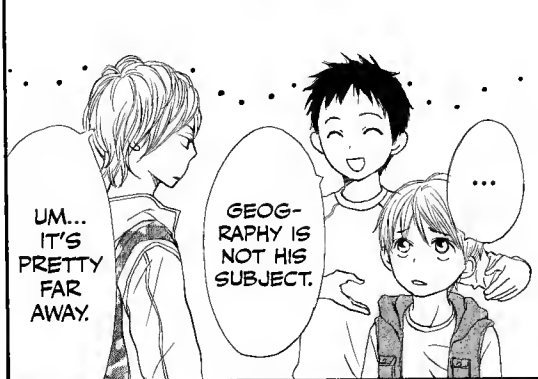
I  
DID  
IT!!

YEAH,  
YEAH.

DID  
YOU  
SEE  
THAT  
JUMP?



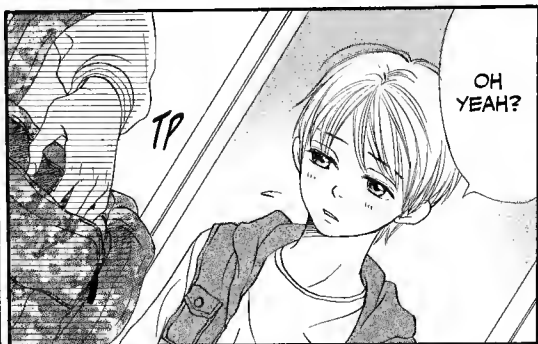




UM...  
IT'S  
PRETTY  
FAR  
AWAY.

GEOG-  
RAPHY IS  
NOT HIS  
SUBJECT.

OH  
YEAH?



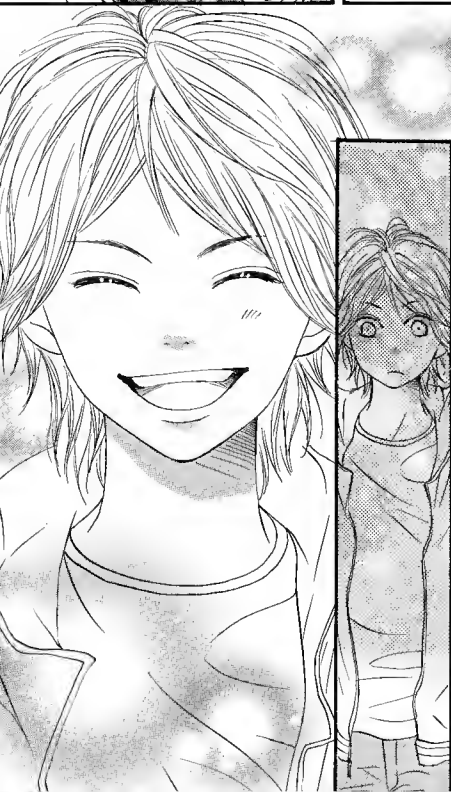
UMIBÔ-  
ZU...

YOU  
WANTED  
TO  
LISTEN  
TO IT,  
RIGHT?



YOU  
CAN  
HAVE  
THIS.







TAK

OKAY.



I'M IN  
SEVENTH  
GRADE...  
AND I'M  
KINDA  
SHORT.

I'M  
ATSUSHI  
ÔTANI.



TAK  
TAK  
TAK



BUT  
WHAT I  
LACK IN  
HEIGHT...

...I MAKE  
UP FOR IN  
GUTS AND  
SHEER  
TENACITY!!



THOSE  
GRADE-  
SCHOOL  
KIDS HAVE  
SO MUCH  
ENERGY.

JUM

P! ☆

MEW  
CHEL



# LOVE ★ COM FACTOIDS ♡

Here are some little bits of useless data about Love ★ Com!

## ★ Height ★

At first I planned to make Risa about the size of an ordinary tallish girl you might see around town. But while I was thinking about the balance between the two leads, I happened to see the comedy duo Ninety-Nine on television. I thought, "That height difference is perfect!" So Risa and Ôtani have the same height difference as Ninety-Nine. Exactly.



## ★ Ôtani ★

I had trouble visualizing Ôtani's character. One day I was downtown and saw a grade-schooler doing a street performance. He was so cute I took a photo of him and used it for reference when I drew Ôtani. So if Ôtani looks like he's in grade school, there's a good reason.

## ★ Maido Academy ★

The school's name was chosen from suggestions submitted by the readers. I never imagined I'd end up using it so much.

Thank you!



## ★ Names ★

When I began this manga, Prime Minister Koizumi had just formed his cabinet. Koizumi, Ishihara, Tanaka and Suzuki were all named after cabinet members. Ôtani was originally named Nakatani. But my editor said, "Since Koizumi's name has the character for 'small,' the guy should have a name with the character for 'big.'" I'm glad I went with "Ôtani."





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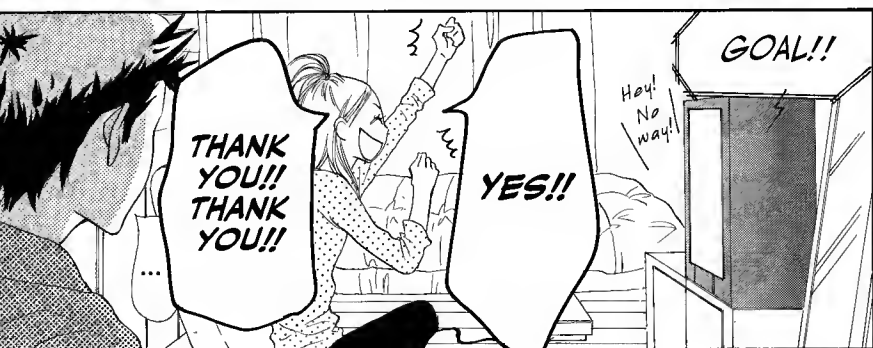
Risa, Eighth Grade



*Caramel Flavour*  
**POPCORN!**









I'M  
RISA  
KOI-  
ZUMI...

...A...  
**WELL-  
DEVELOPED**  
EIGHTH-  
GRADER.

BOYS?

SIS...

...DON'T  
YOU EVER  
THINK  
ABOUT  
**NORMAL**  
STUFF,  
LIKE  
BOYS?

HA HA!  
NOT MY  
THING!



YO!

YO,  
KOIZUMI!



AND STILL  
GROWING.


HEIGHT  
167 CM.  
(5'5-1/2")

A GIRL  
TALL IN  
JUNIOR  
HIGH?

TALK  
ABOUT A  
FREAK.

CHAK

IS  
KOIZUMI  
EVEN  
FEMALE?



Morning! Good morning! 000

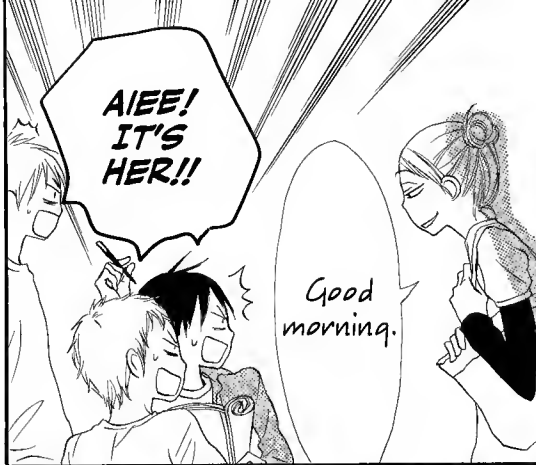




SHE

UH...

WHAT'RE  
YOU  
DOING?



AIEE!  
IT'S  
HER!!

Good  
morning.



IF I KEEP  
SPROUTING  
UP LIKE  
THIS...

COME  
BACK  
HERE  
AND  
SAY  
THAT!!

Yikes!  
Run!

Group One Boys' Chick Picks  
Babe Grand Prix ♡

Yuki Nojima 卐 卐 Hayashida  
Sato

~~Risa~~  
~~Koizumi~~

No  
Way

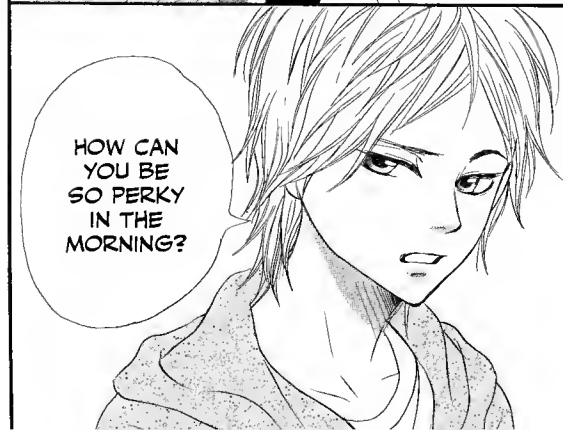
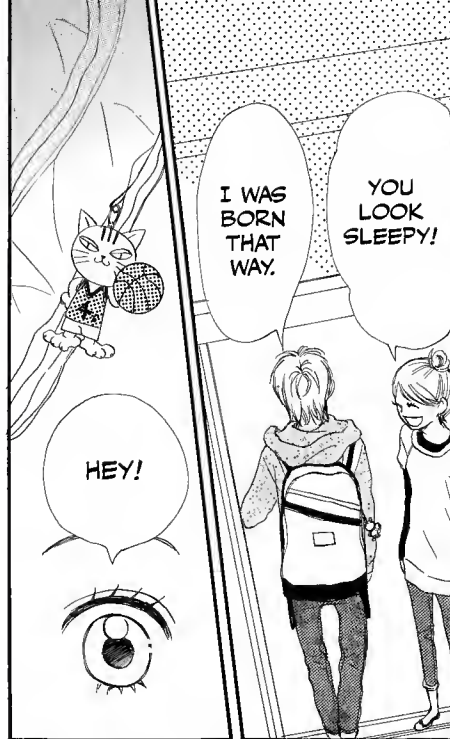
Erika Saiki 卐 卐  
Junko Yamasaki

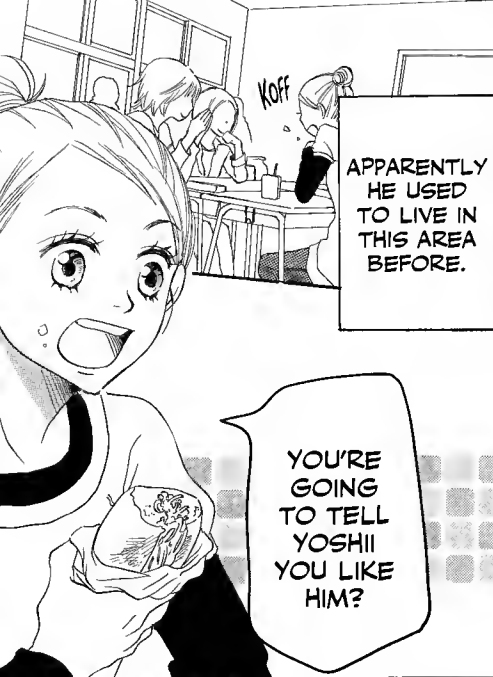
...THE  
GUYS ARE  
NEVER  
GONNA  
SEE ME  
AS A GIRL.



OH,  
SORRY,  
YOSHII.

B  
M  
P





APPARENTLY  
HE USED  
TO LIVE IN  
THIS AREA  
BEFORE.

YOU'RE  
GOING  
TO TELL  
YOSHII  
YOU LIKE  
HIM?



YOSHII  
TRANS-  
FERRED  
FROM  
FUKUI THIS  
YEAR.

I KNOW,  
HUH?  
PEOPLE  
ALWAYS  
SAY THAT!



OH...

I'M  
WAY  
TOO  
SHY...  
BUT I  
CAN'T  
TELL HIM  
RIGHT  
NOW.

AKECHIN'S  
GOT A  
SERIOUS  
CRUSH ON  
THE BOY.



DON'T  
WORRY.

I  
CAN'T  
DO IT  
RIGHT  
NOW!

BUT YOU'D  
BETTER NOT  
WAIT TOO  
LONG OR  
SOMEONE  
*ELSE* WILL  
TAKE HIM.

YEAH.

I GUESS  
YOSHII IS  
PRETTY  
POPULAR  
WITH THE  
GIRLS.

I'VE  
NEVER  
HAD A  
CRUSH  
ON ANY-  
BODY...

THAT  
SEEMS  
LIKE  
FUN.

...SO I  
DON'T  
UNDER-  
STAND  
THE  
FEELING  
AT ALL.



blah

I WANT  
YOU TO  
BREAK UP  
INTO GROUPS  
OF FOUR  
GIRLS  
AND FOUR  
BOYS.

blah

NEXT  
WEEK IS  
THE BIG  
THREE-DAY  
OUTDOOR  
SCHOOL  
TRIP.

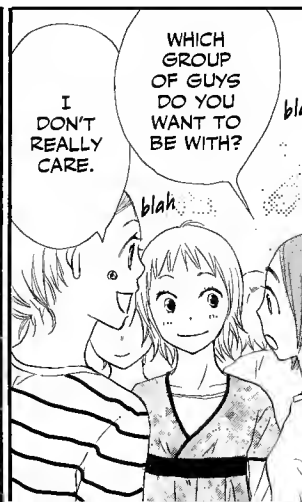
blah



HEY,  
YOSHII!



CHING

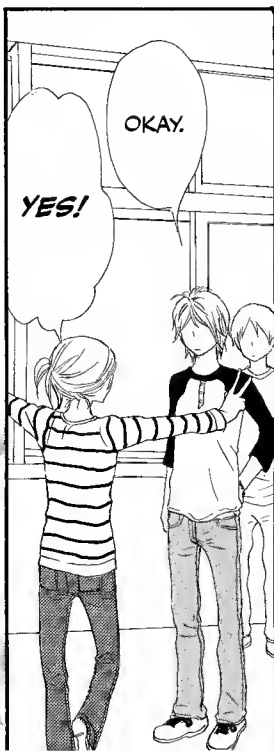
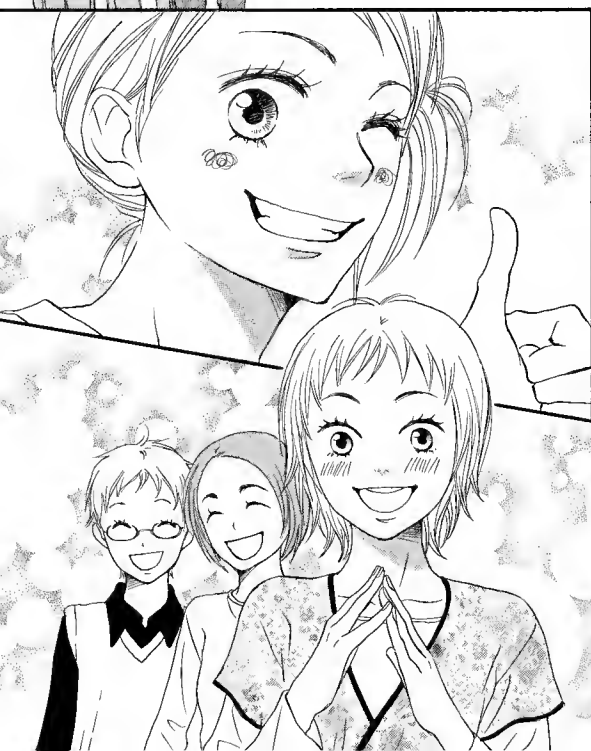
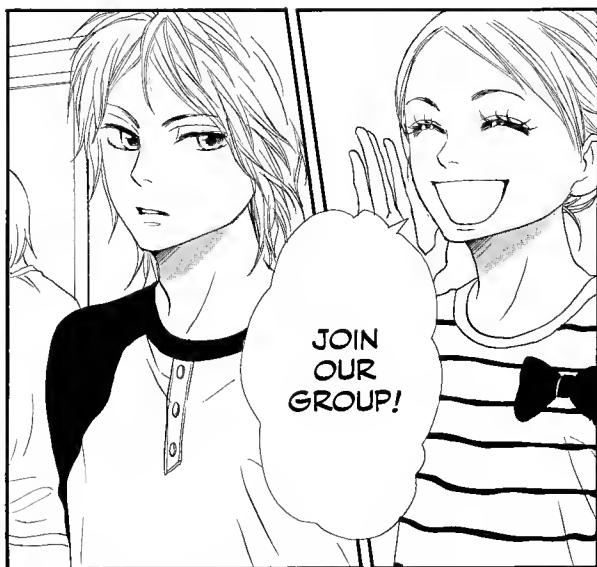


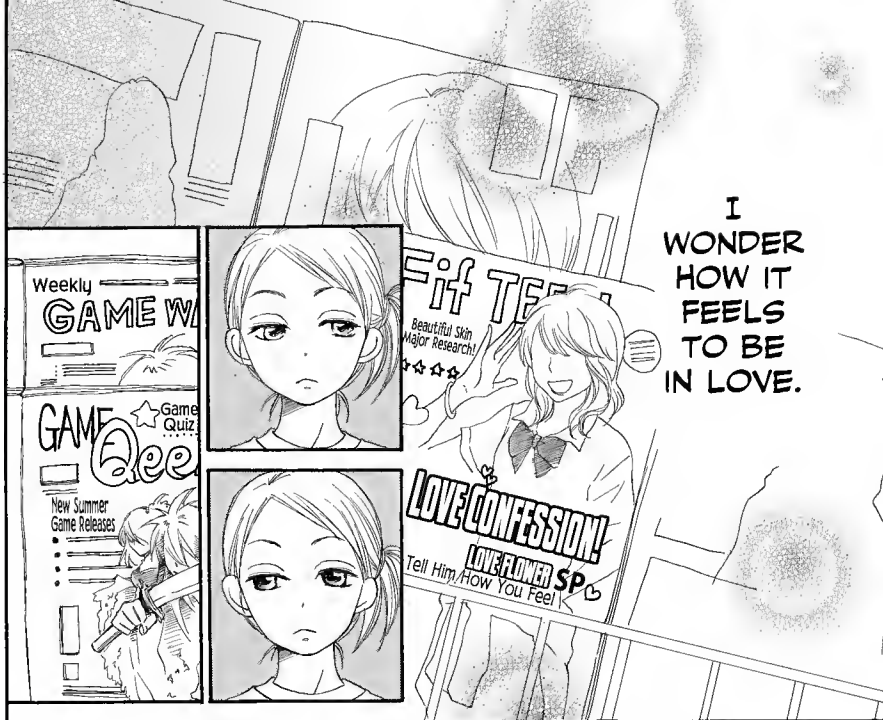
I  
DON'T  
REALLY  
CARE.

WHICH  
GROUP  
OF GUYS  
DO YOU  
WANT TO  
BE WITH?

blah







I  
WONDER  
HOW IT  
FEELS  
TO BE  
IN LOVE.



SHOOOF



OH!

YOSHII!



GUESS  
I'LL GO  
FOR THIS  
ONE.

②

I visited the anime set several times. The love and enthusiasm they put into their work made me think they care about *Love \* Com* even more than I do. Truly, tears came to my eyes.

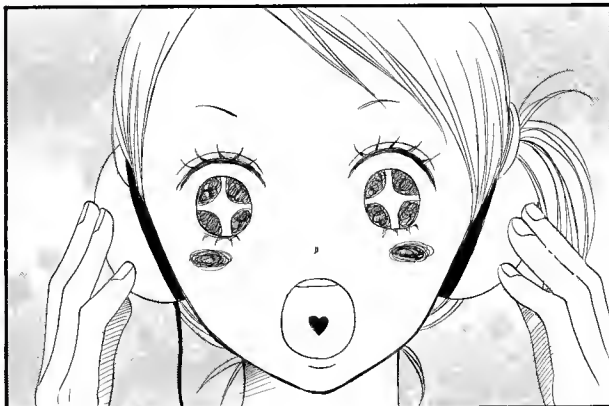
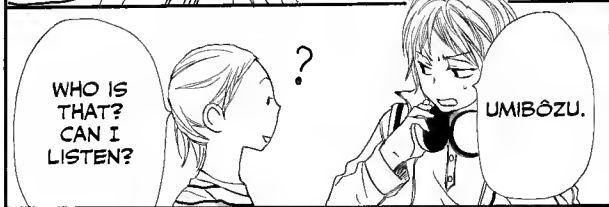
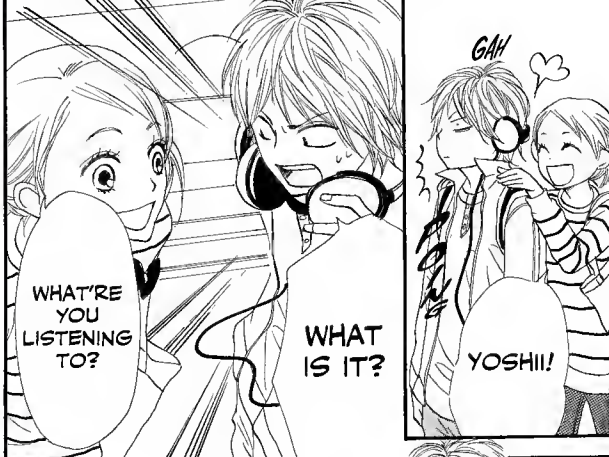
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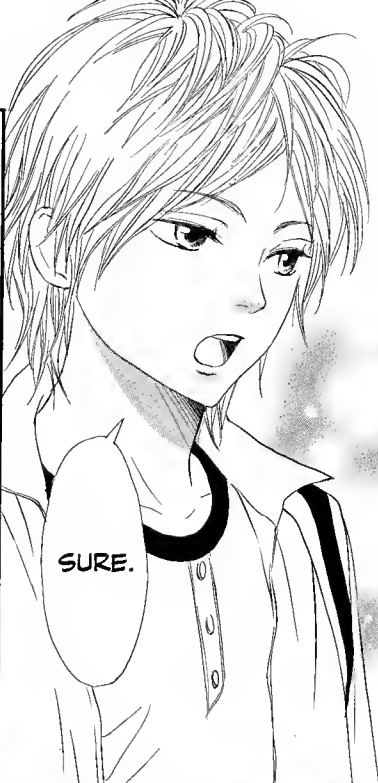
They even used scenes from these bonus stories, which I'd just completed. They went over lines and tried them this way and that to get the dialogue perfect.

Skill is important in creating something, but more than anything, it's the love you put into it! It was a great learning experience for me.

Love is beautiful!!♡ From now on, I'll always remember to put love into all my creations.

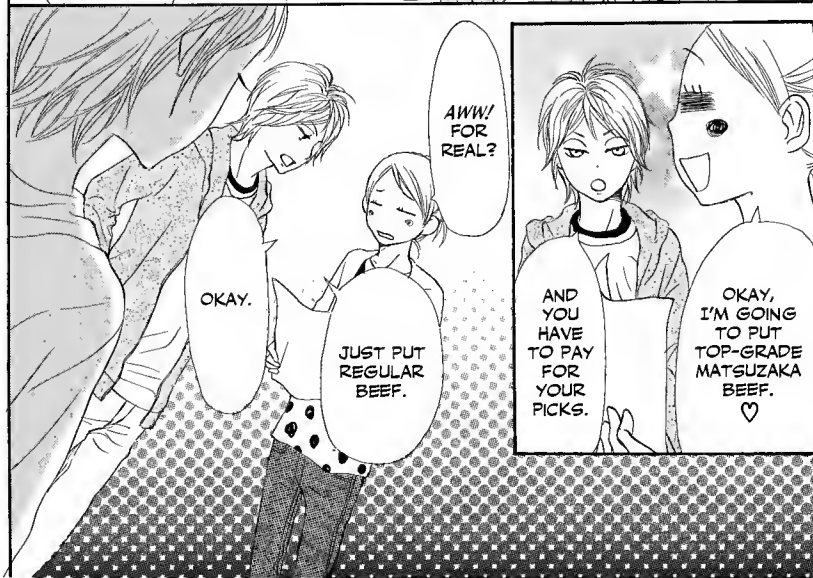
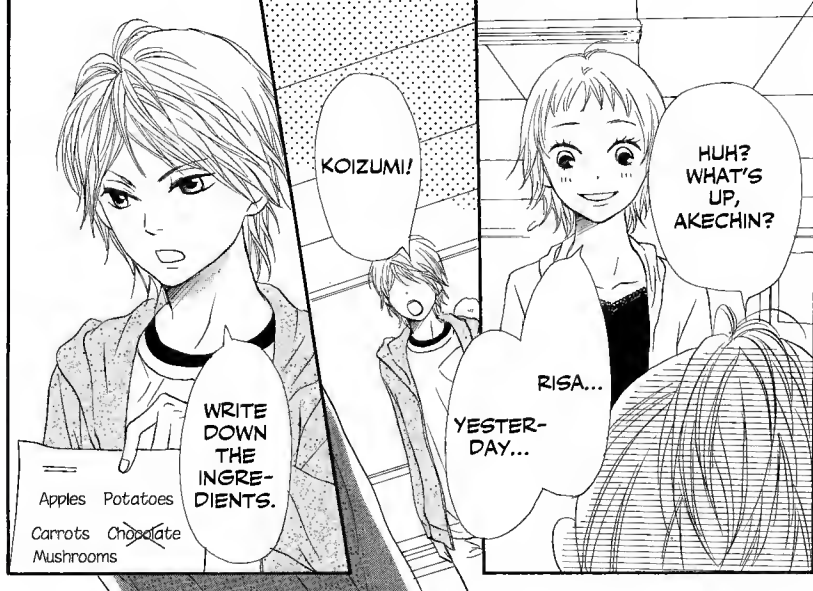
Let's all do our best!!

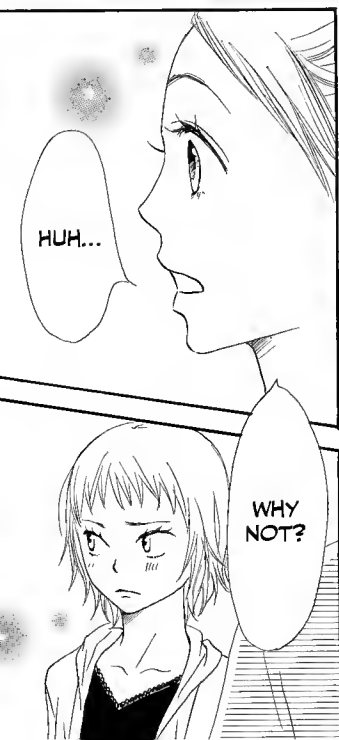




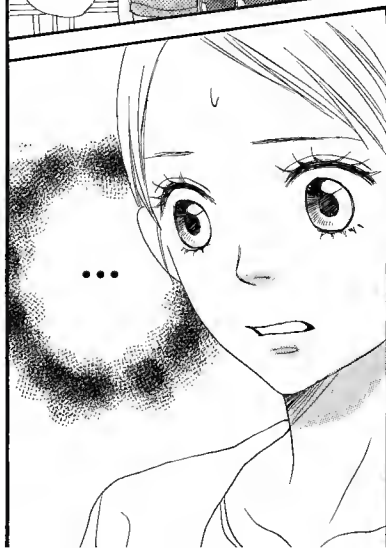










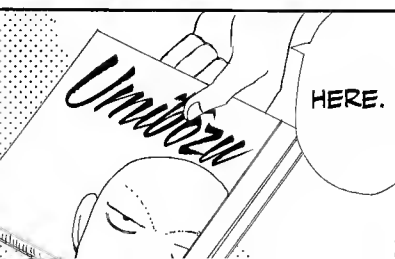
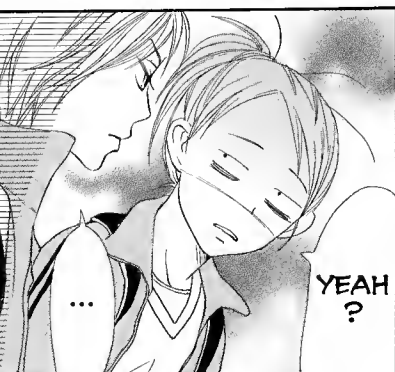




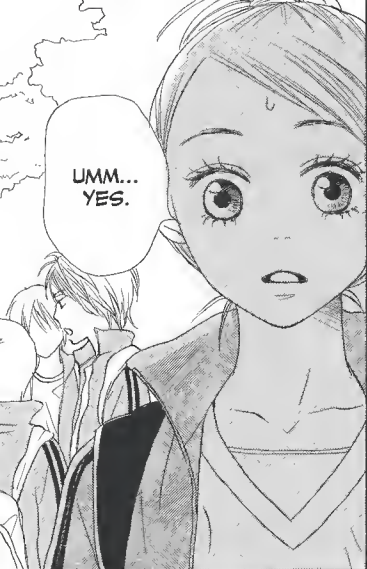


WEIRD.

I  
DON'T  
GET IT.





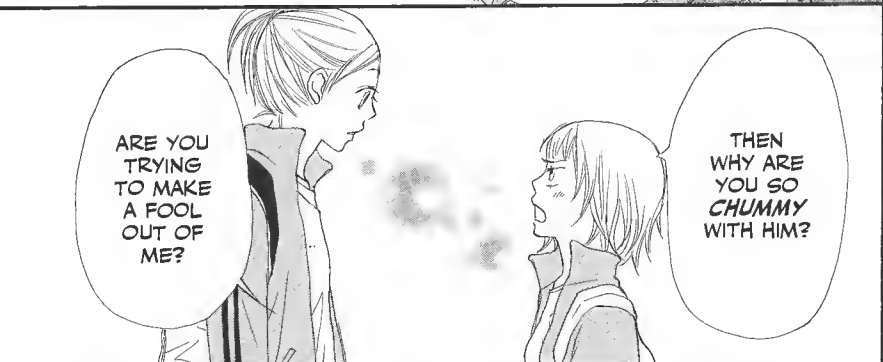


UMM...  
YES.



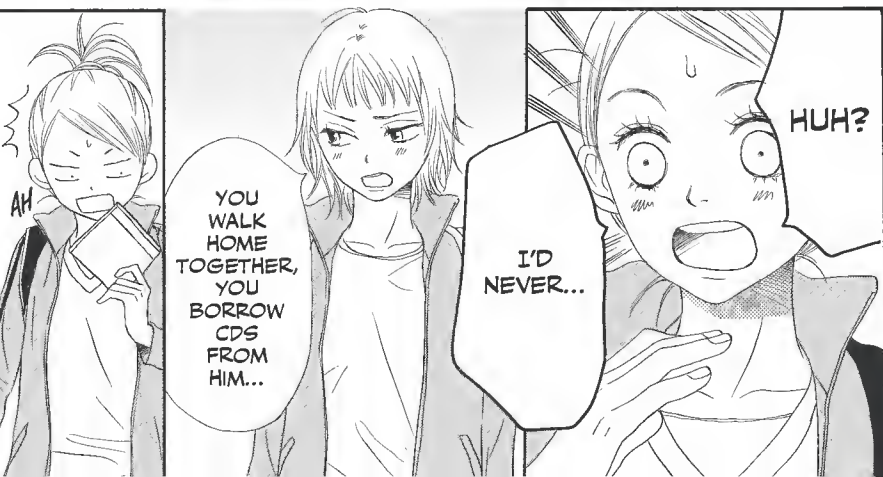
RISA.

YOU KNOW  
I HAVE  
A CRUSH  
ON YOSHII,  
RIGHT?



ARE YOU  
TRYING  
TO MAKE  
A FOOL  
OUT OF  
ME?

THEN  
WHY ARE  
YOU SO  
**CHUMMY**  
WITH HIM?



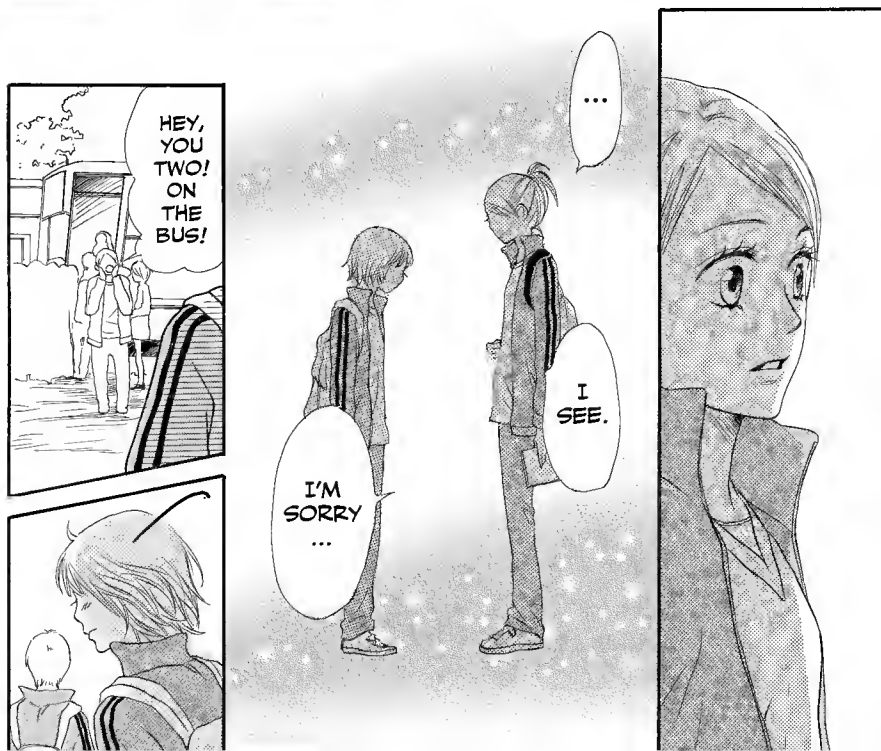
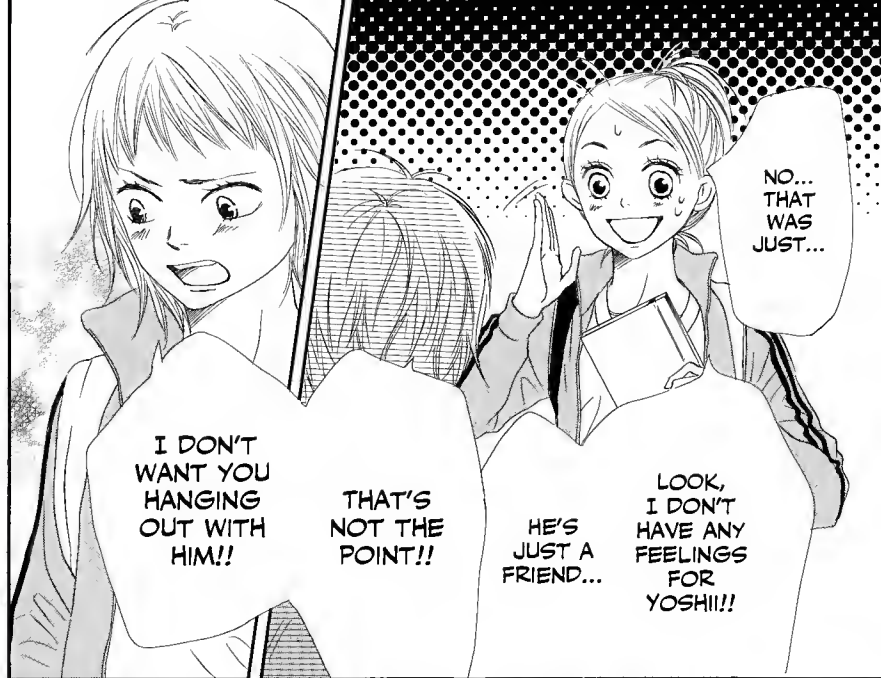
AH

YOU  
WALK  
HOME  
TOGETHER,  
YOU  
BORROW  
CDS  
FROM  
HIM...

I'D  
NEVER...

HUH?









NOW I  
GET IT.



I DIDN'T  
UNDER-  
STAND HER  
FEELINGS...

...BECAUSE  
I'VE NEVER  
FELT THAT  
WAY ABOUT  
ANYONE.

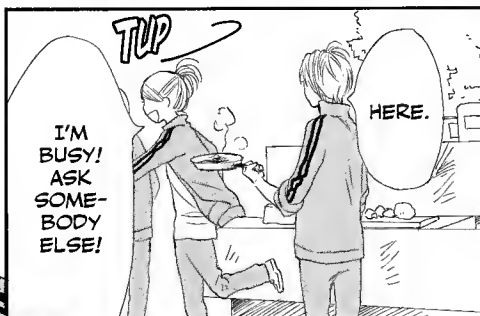
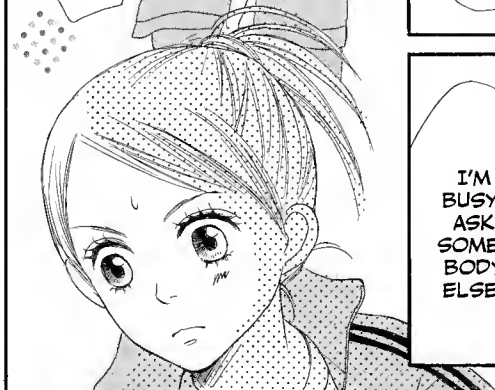
IT'S  
ALL MY  
FAULT.





OH,  
I'M SO  
BUSY...  
SO  
BUSY...

HUH?

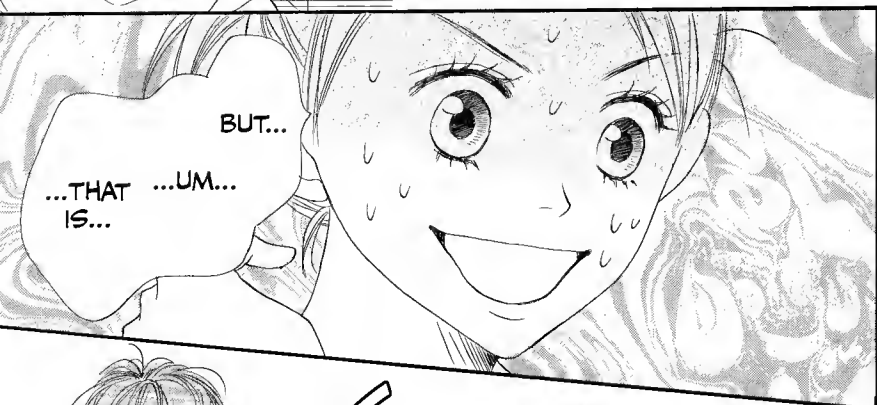
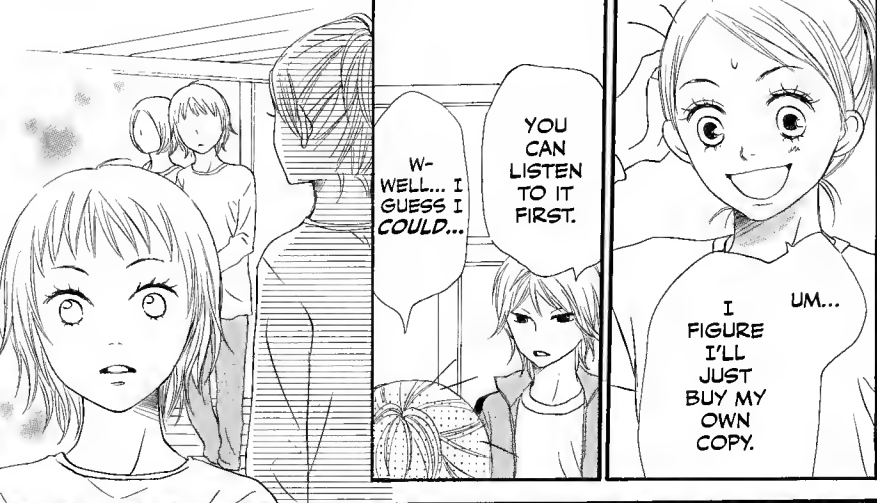


I  
DON'T  
WANT  
THIS  
AFTER  
ALL.

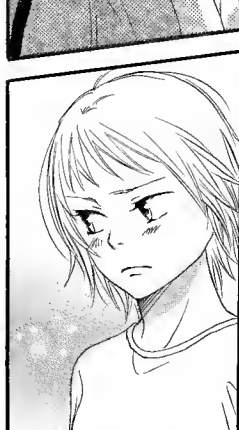
BETTER  
MAKE  
SURE.

TAK  
ha  
ha  
ha  
TAK





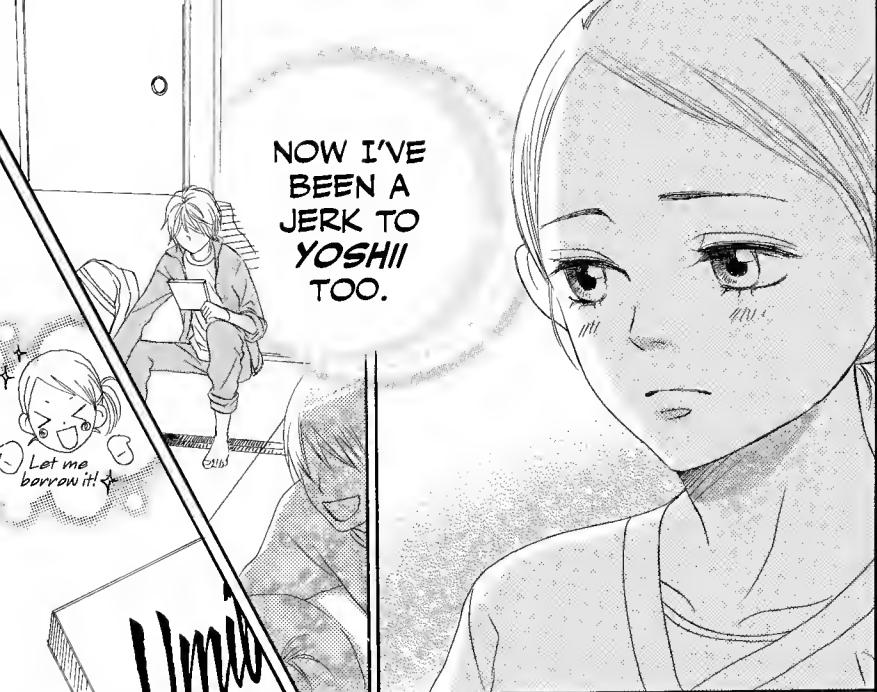


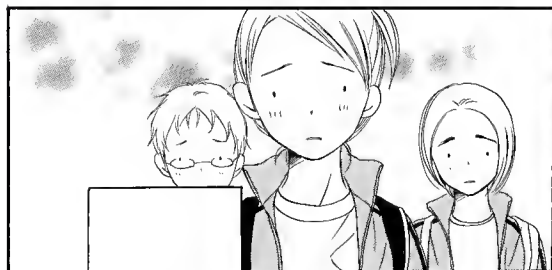


AKECHIN  
AND  
YOSHII  
ARE BOTH  
FRIENDS  
OF MINE.















AKECHIN!  
ARE  
YOU ALL  
RIGHT?

RISA...



YOU'RE  
BURNING  
UP!!



I...

I'VE  
BEEN  
SUCH  
A JERK  
TO YOU.



HUH?

...WHY  
DID  
YOU  
COME  
BACK  
FOR  
ME?

RISA...



I JUST  
GOT  
JEALOUS  
OF YOU.

I'M SUCH  
A LOSER.  
I NEVER  
EVEN TOLD  
YOSHII HOW  
I FEEL.

YOU  
HAVEN'T  
DONE  
ANYTHING  
WRONG.

SO WHAT?  
THIS ISN'T  
THE TIME!

SORRY.

SORRY.

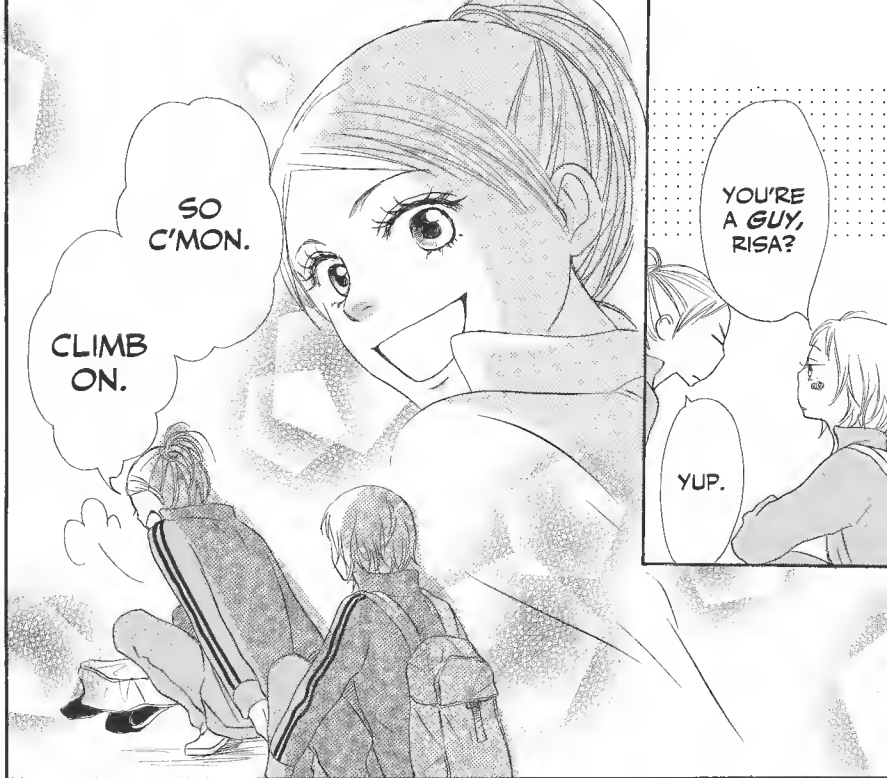
I DON'T  
UNDERSTAND  
HOW A GIRL  
IN LOVE  
FEELS. I'M  
BASICALLY  
A GUY.

NO.  
I WAS  
TOTALLY  
DENSE.

RISA  
...

AKE-  
CHIN...

YOU'RE  
THE ONE  
WHO GOT  
ME INTO  
YOSHII'S  
GROUP IN  
THE FIRST  
PLACE...

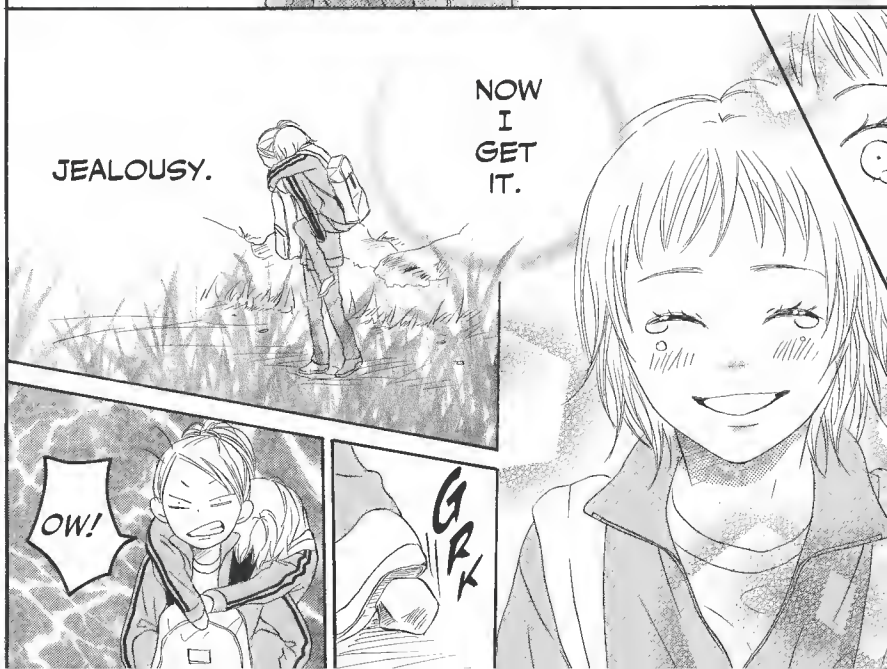


SO  
C'MON.

CLIMB  
ON.

YOU'RE  
A GUY,  
RISA?

YUP.



JEALOUSY.

NOW  
I  
GET  
IT.

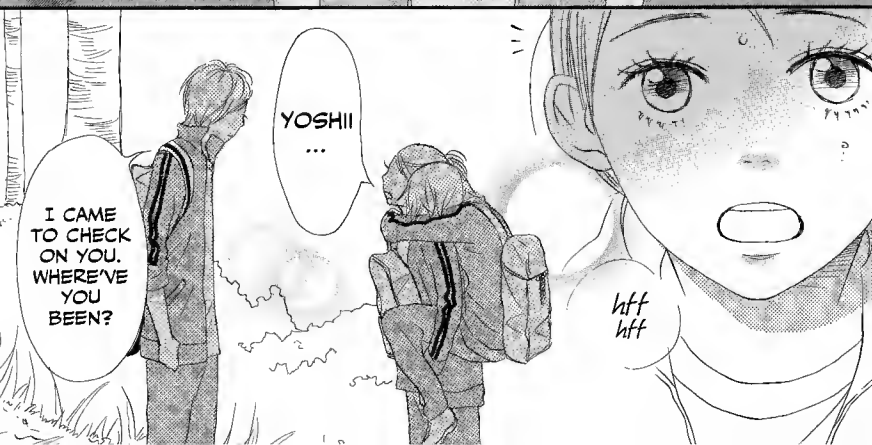
OW!

G  
R  
K



LOVE...

...ISN'T  
ALL  
ABOUT  
HAPPINESS.







I'M  
REALLY  
STRONG!

Heh...  
NAH,  
IT'S  
OKAY!

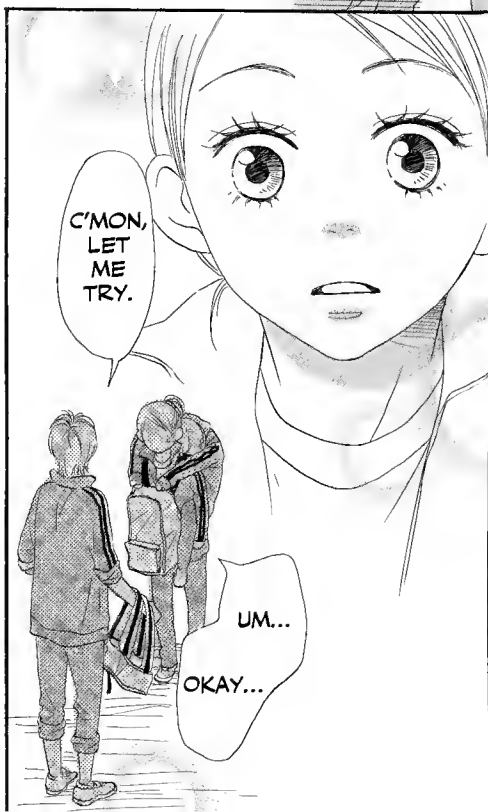


I'LL  
TAKE IT  
FROM  
HERE.



SHE'S  
NOT  
FEELING  
WELL?

NO.



C'MON,  
LET  
ME  
TRY.

UM...  
OKAY...



IT'S  
NOT  
OKAY.

I CAN'T  
LET A  
GIRL DO  
ALL THE  
HEAVY  
LIFTING.





YOU  
HURT  
YOUR  
FOOT,  
RIGHT?

HUH?



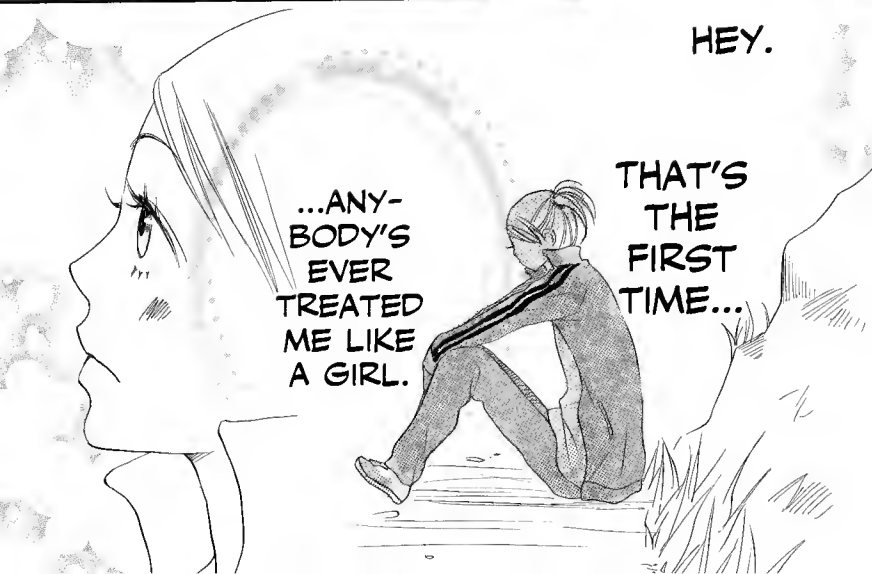
WAIT  
HERE.

I'LL  
GET  
SOME-  
ONE.



UM...  
YEAH...

...



HEY.

...ANY-  
BODY'S  
EVER  
TREATED  
ME LIKE  
A GIRL.

THAT'S  
THE  
FIRST  
TIME...

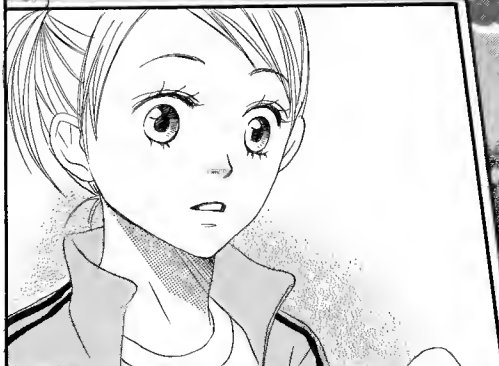


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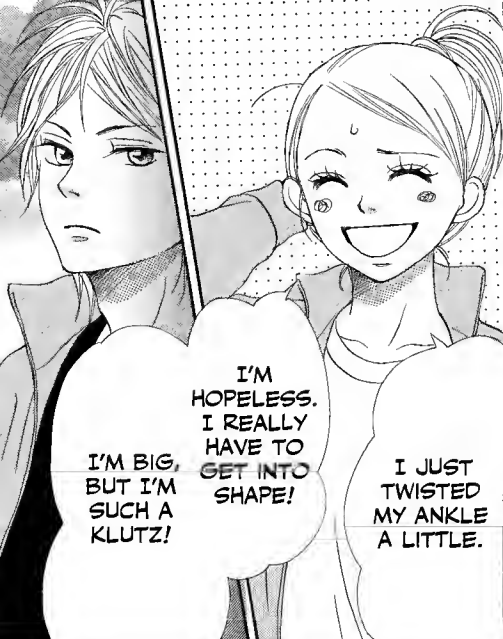
THANKS  
A LOT!

I...

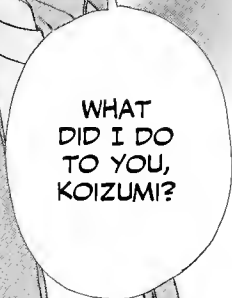
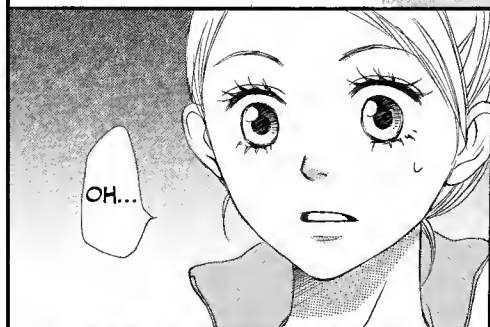
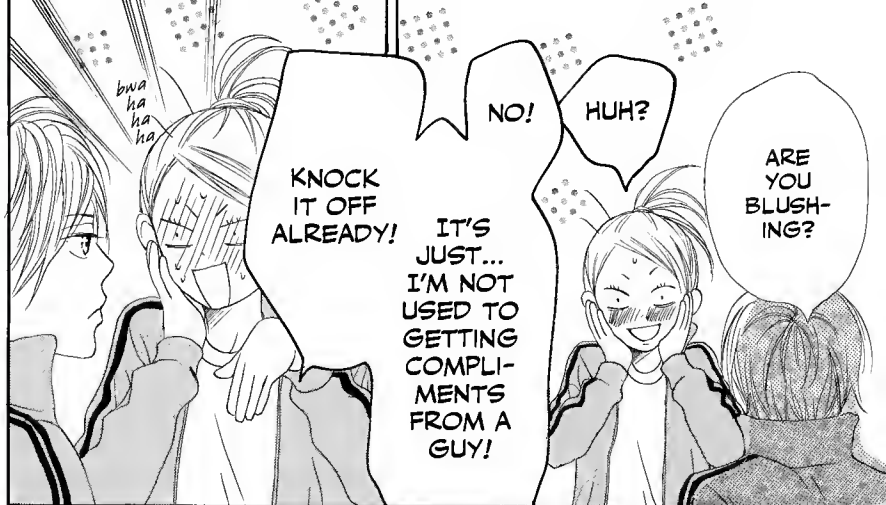
...KINDA  
LIKE IT.



YOSHII  
?











HEARING  
IT FROM  
YOU...

...REALLY  
HURT.

AW,  
GEEZ...



LOTS  
OF  
PEOPLE  
HAVE  
DISLIKED  
ME...

ER...  
THAT  
WAS...  
WELL...

...BUT  
NO  
ONE'S  
EVER  
SAID IT  
TO MY  
FACE  
LIKE  
THAT.



I  
DIDN'T  
MEAN  
THAT!!

N-N-  
NO!

...I  
DIDN'T  
MEAN  
IT LIKE  
THAT.

THAT  
IS...

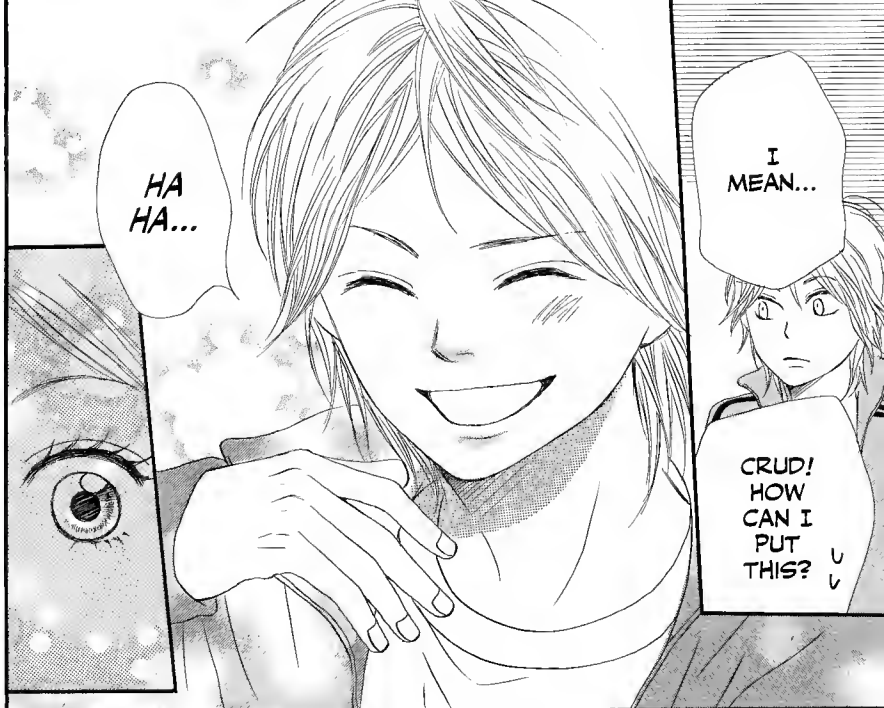


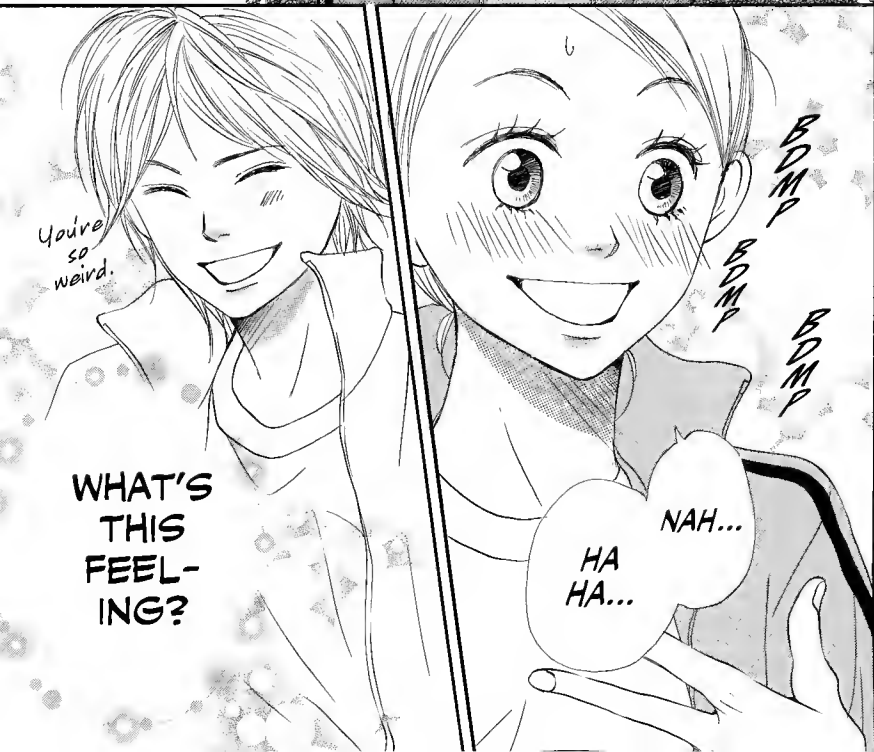
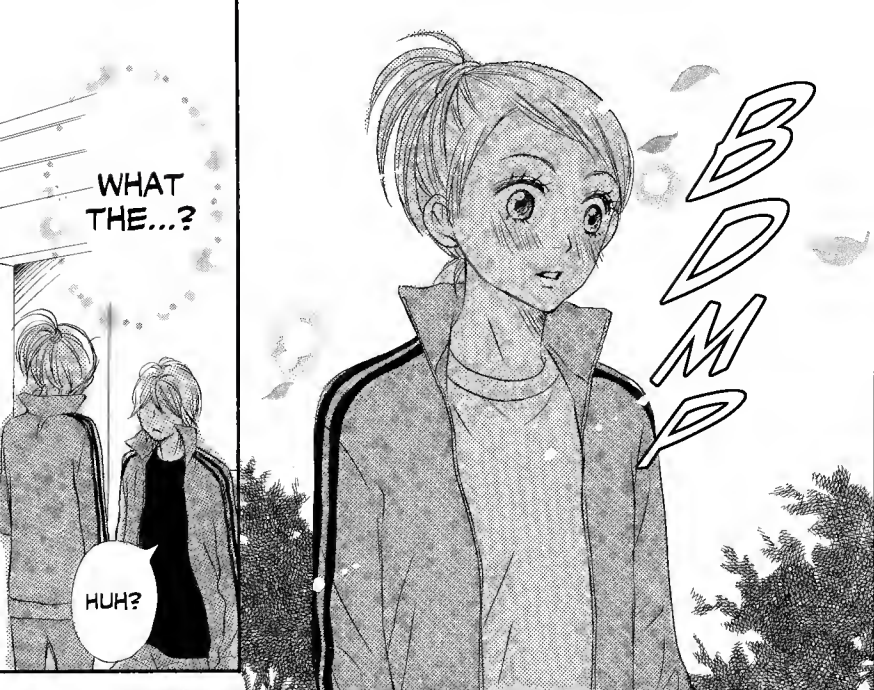
Huh?



I  
DON'T  
REALLY  
HATE  
YOU!!

I  
LIKE  
YOU!!







A black and white manga panel showing a boy and a girl sitting on a concrete ledge. The girl is on the left, leaning back with her legs crossed, wearing a dark tank top and light-colored pants. The boy is on the right, seen from the back, wearing a dark jacket with white stripes on the sleeves and dark pants. They are outdoors, with a building and some foliage in the background.

THERE'S  
A TICKLISH  
FEELING  
IN MY  
HEART.

I FEEL  
HAPPY,  
YET KIND  
OF...  
EMBAR-  
RASSED.



A black and white manga panel showing a girl standing and looking thoughtful. She has her hair in a ponytail and is wearing a dark jacket with white stripes on the sleeves over a light-colored shirt. She is holding her right hand to her chest. The background is a simple, light-colored wall.

COULD  
THIS  
BE...



A black and white manga panel showing a close-up of a boy's face. He has long, dark hair and is wearing a dark jacket over a light-colored shirt. He is looking slightly to the side with a slight smile.

...WHAT  
IT  
FEELS  
LIKE TO  
BE IN  
LOVE?







TAKE  
CARE  
OF  
YOUR-  
SELF!



UM...

ER...



OH,  
NO  
WAY.

HUH?

KOI-  
ZUMI?



IT  
WAS SO  
FLEETING...

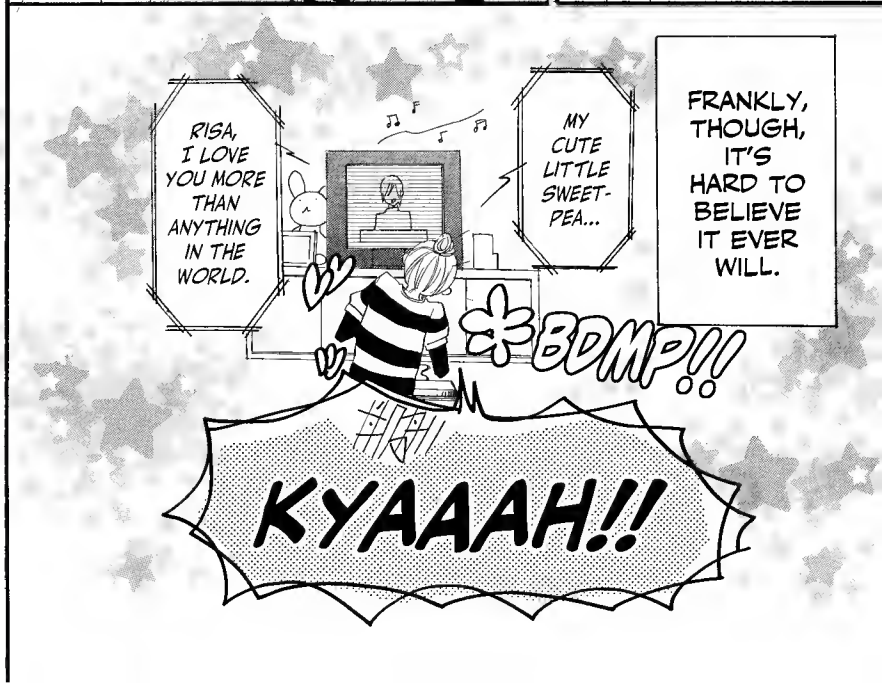
OKAY!  
DON'T  
FREAK  
OUT!







WELL, IF IT  
HAPPENS  
AGAIN, I'LL  
BE BOLD  
AND TELL  
THE GUY  
HOW I FEEL.



RISA,  
I LOVE  
YOU MORE  
THAN  
ANYTHING  
IN THE  
WORLD.

MY  
CUTE  
LITTLE  
SWEET-  
PEA...

FRANKLY,  
THOUGH,  
IT'S  
HARD TO  
BELIEVE  
IT EVER  
WILL.

\*BDMP!!

KYAAAAH!!



Lovely★  
Complex

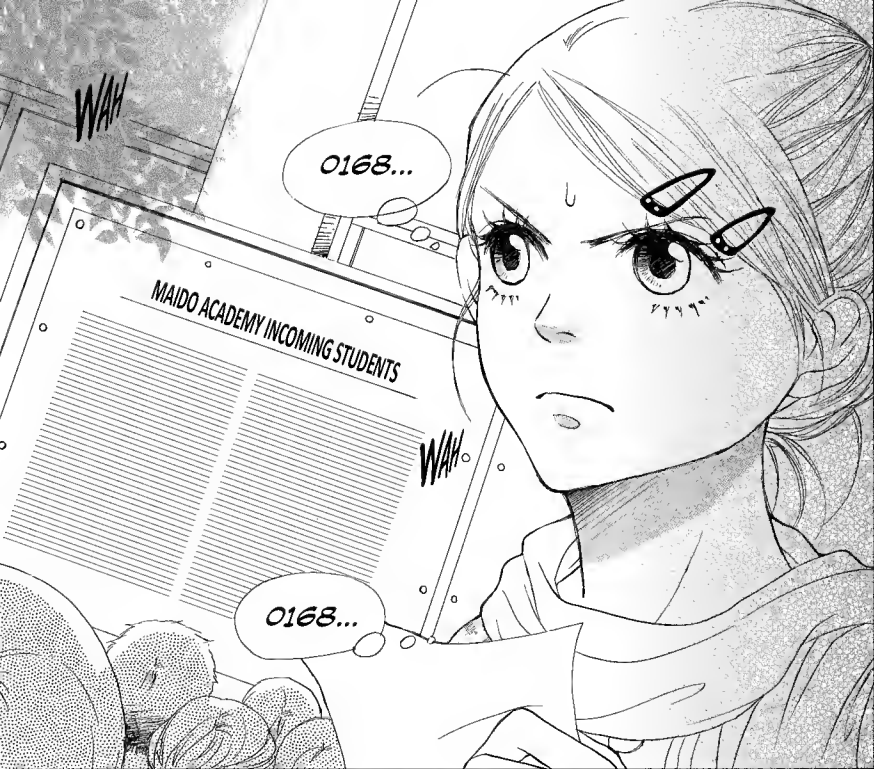


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**PLUS**

Risa & Ôtani, Ninth Grade





0168

0168...





I'M RISA  
KOIZUMI,  
NINTH  
GRADER.

YES!  
WE'RE  
TOGETHER!

Hah...

WELL,  
NOW WE'LL  
BE ABLE  
TO STUDY  
TOGETHER  
FOR THREE  
MORE  
YEARS.

IF WE'D  
KNOWN EACH  
OTHER ALL  
THROUGH  
JUNIOR HIGH,  
BY NOW  
I MIGHT  
BE EVEN  
SMARTER!

IT'S ALL  
BECAUSE  
YOU  
HELPED  
ME  
STUDY.

YES!



WHAT  
KIND OF  
ADVENTURES  
AWAIT ME?

I JUST  
HOPE I  
MEET  
SOMEONE  
LIKE CAIN-  
SAMA...

HAH?  
NAH,  
I'M DONE  
WITH  
STUDYING.

STARTING  
IN APRIL,  
I'LL BE  
A HIGH  
SCHOOL  
STUDENT.





THERE!  
THERE'S  
MY  
NUMBER!!

ME TOO!  
STARTING  
NOW,  
NOBU-CHAN,  
WE'LL BE  
TOGETHER  
FOREVER!



OTANI'S  
GIRLFRIEND  
DUMPED  
HIM RIGHT  
BEFORE THE  
GRADUATION  
CEREMONY.

WHAT'S  
WITH THE  
FACE?

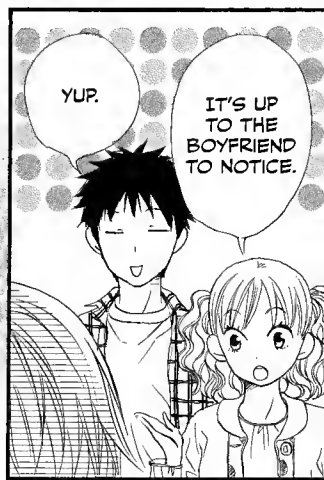
THAT'S  
GREAT.

HUH?  
WHY?



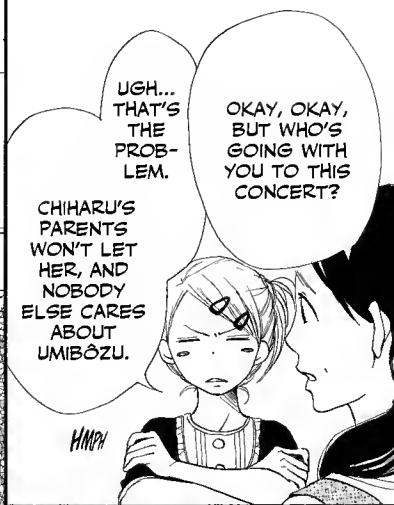
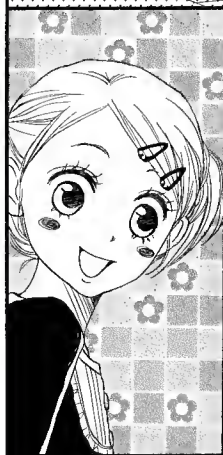
FOUND  
IT.

WHAT  
ABOUT  
YOU,  
OTANI?













SHEESH...  
I DON'T  
HAVE ANY  
CHOICE,  
DO I?



PLEASE  
GO WITH  
HER.

SHE'S  
RIGHT.  
I'VE  
NEVER  
BEEN TO  
A PLACE  
LIKE LIVE  
HOUSE.

A  
W  
W  
W  
!

I DON'T  
WANT  
YOUR  
SISTER  
OUT LATE  
ALL BY  
HERSELF.



SHF

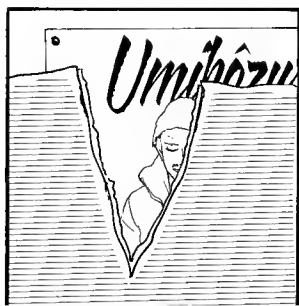
ALL  
RIGHT!!

Umibōzu  
Live House  
Tour  
March 25

★Umibōzu★  
Umibōzu  
Live House  
Tour  
March 25

I'M  
SORRY.

I  
CAN'T  
GO  
WITH  
YOU.



OH BOY!  
I CAN'T  
WAIT!

ATCHAN!  
DINNER!

SNF...

Umibôzu

SNF...

SNF...

Umibôzu



MY FIRST  
UMIBÔZU  
CONCERT!!



THANKS  
FOR  
WAITING!







WE ONLY  
HAVE ONE  
TICKET  
LEFT FOR  
TODAY'S  
SHOW.

LET'S  
DO THIS  
THING!!



YOU'RE  
COMING  
WITH  
ME!

HAVE  
FUN.

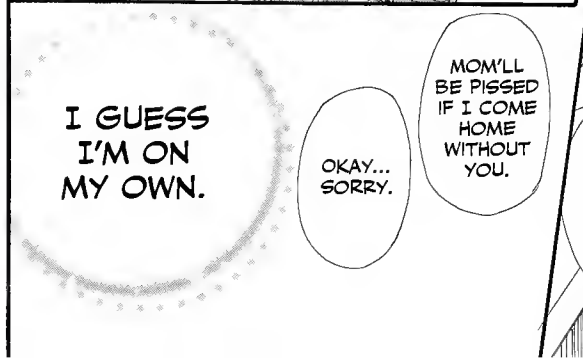


OH...

I'LL  
COME  
PICK  
YOU UP  
WHEN  
IT'S  
OVER.

LOOK,  
JUST  
GO ON  
YOUR  
OWN.

WELL,  
MOM SAID  
IF I GOT  
INTO THAT  
SCHOOL...



I GUESS  
I'M ON  
MY OWN.

OKAY...  
SORRY.

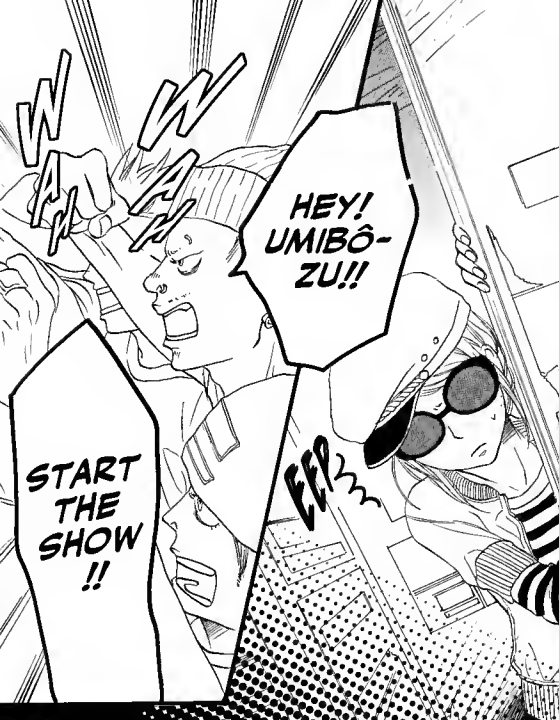
MOM'LL  
BE PISSED  
IF I COME  
HOME  
WITHOUT  
YOU.



ONE  
TICKET?

YOU  
DIDN'T  
BUY  
TICKETS  
BEFORE-  
HAND?





HEY!  
UMIBÔ-  
ZU!!

START  
THE  
SHOW  
!!



IT'S A  
LITTLE  
SCARY.

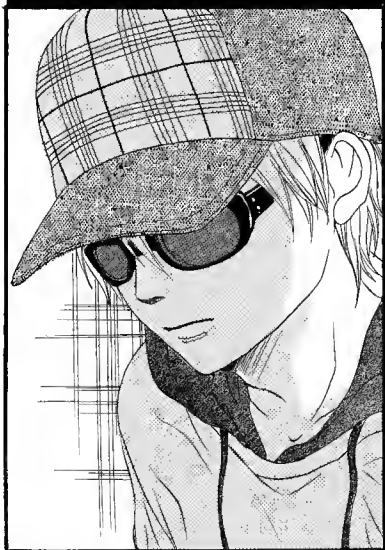
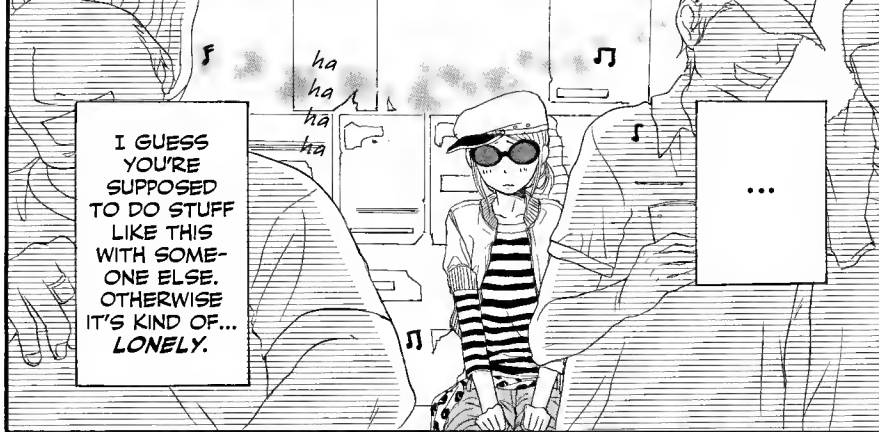


I'M  
THE  
ONLY  
GIRL  
HERE.

I'M SO  
NERVOUS.

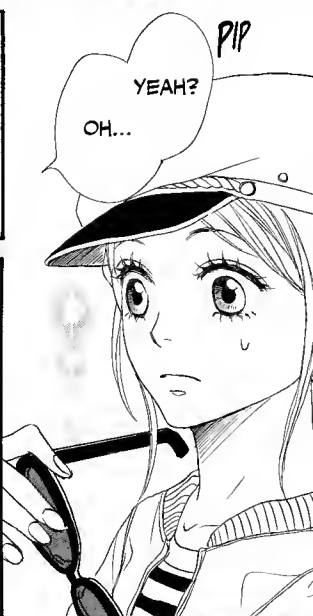


I THINK  
I'LL WAIT  
OUTSIDE  
UNTIL IT  
STARTS.













I  
WONDER  
WHAT  
HAPPENED  
TO THAT  
LITTLE  
BOY.







BETTER  
HEAD  
FOR THE  
DOOR.



I'M  
GONNA  
GET  
**CRUSHED  
TO DEATH**  
IN HERE!

OH  
NO!!



PLEASE!  
LET ME  
THROUGH!



ARGH!

GRP

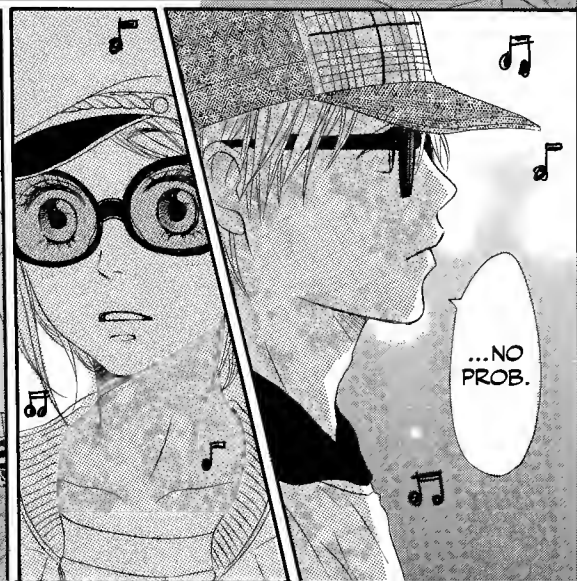
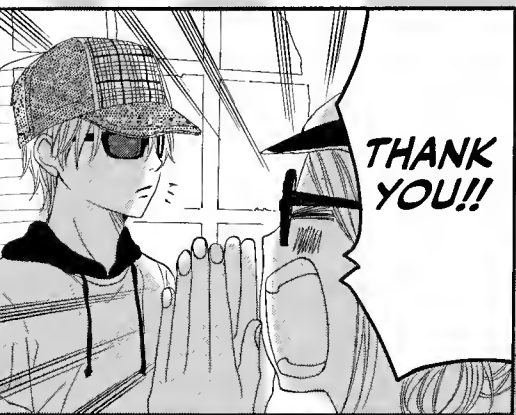
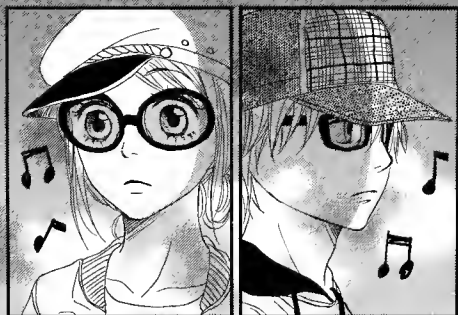


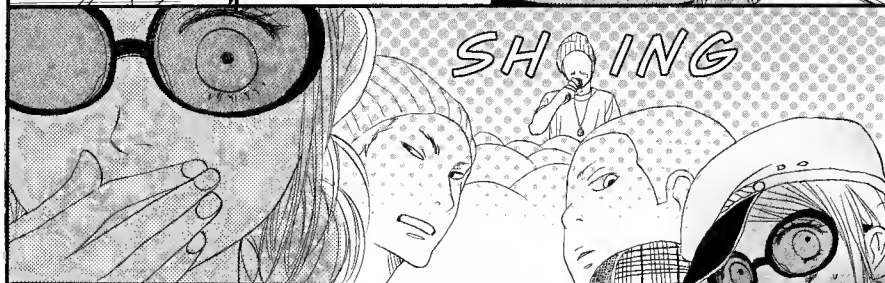


OH...

IT'S  
THAT  
STRANGE  
LITTLE  
BOY.





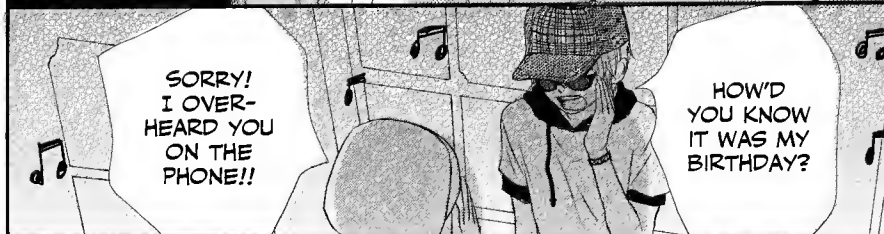
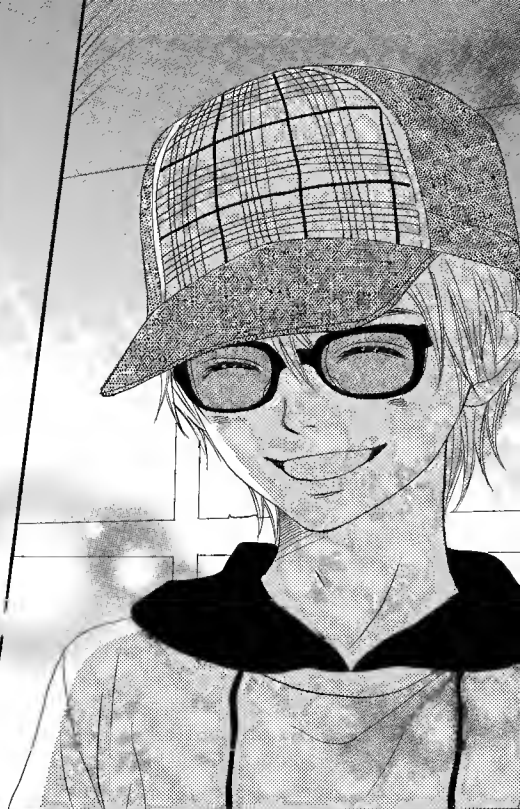








HEY!!



SORRY!  
I OVER-  
HEARD YOU  
ON THE  
PHONE!!

HOW'D  
YOU KNOW  
IT WAS MY  
BIRTHDAY?



I KNOW!!  
IT WAS  
AMAZING!!

HE  
SPOKE  
TO US!!

I  
LOVE  
HIM!!

SO...  
UMIBÔ-  
ZU!!

DO  
YOU  
LIKE  
HIM?





So much came out of *Love & Com*.

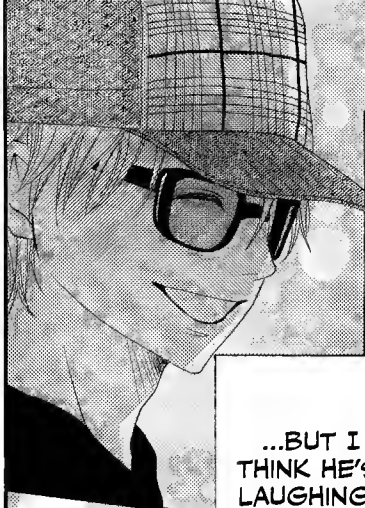
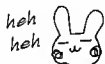
I felt the love from so many places.

The anime, the live-action movie, the CD, the games and all the merchandise...

I met so many people and have been truly blessed. This would not have been possible without the manga.

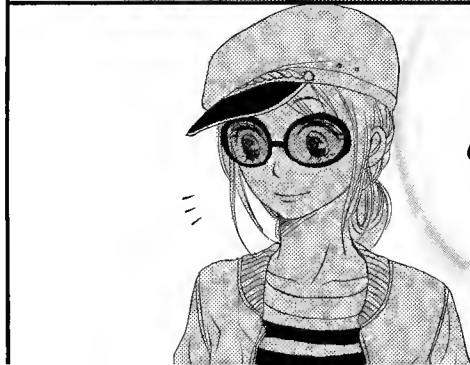
And I've been forced to think about things I never thought about before, and I've been influenced in ways that have changed my life. Really, truly.

I'm a very lucky person. I never dreamed I'd walk a path like this. Nope. And I owe it all to you readers for encouraging and supporting me. I promise to take all the love that's been bestowed upon me and put it into doing my best as a manga artist.



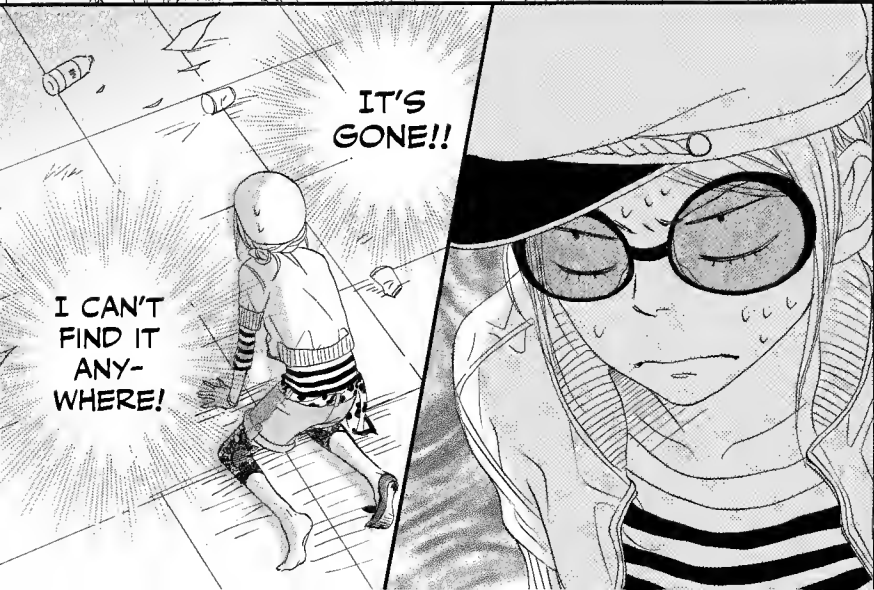
I CAN'T  
SEE HIS  
FACE SO  
WELL  
IN THE  
DARK...

...BUT I  
THINK HE'S  
LAUGHING.



I'M  
GLAD.



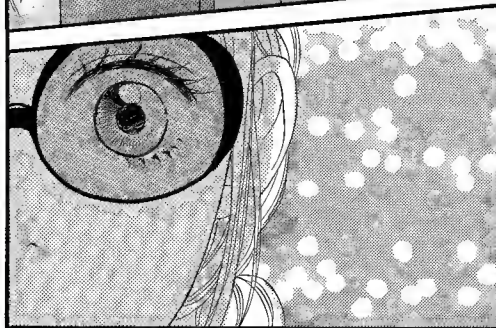


















THANK  
YOU.



RIGHT  
BACK  
AT YA.



OH...

I DIDN'T  
EVEN  
ASK HIS  
NAME.



SO  
LONG.





NEVER  
MIND.

WHAT'S  
WITH THE  
SNEAKERS  
?

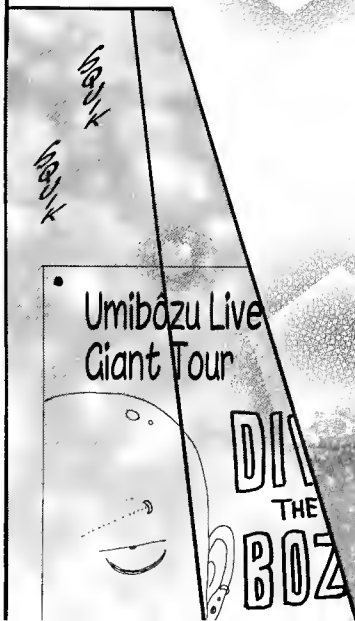
*Were you  
wearing  
those  
earlier?*



YOU'RE  
LATE.

SORRY!

WE  
COULD'VE  
GONE TO  
ANOTHER  
CONCERT  
SOMETIME.



Umibôzu Live  
Giant Tour

DIN  
THE  
BOZ

I  
WONDER  
IF I'LL  
EVER  
SEE HIM  
AGAIN...

I  
WANTED  
TO TALK  
TO HIM  
ABOUT  
UMIBÔZU.



ÔTANI!

HURRY  
IT UP!



AND  
NOW...

...I'M  
IN THE  
MIDDLE OF  
SUMMER  
VACATION  
IN MY  
SENIOR  
YEAR.

SORRY.  
♡

WE'RE LATE  
BECAUSE **YOU** HURRY  
FORGOT THE IT UP?  
TICKETS AND  
HAD TO RUN  
BACK HOME!



CRIPES!  
TALK  
ABOUT  
PATHETIC!

hff



TOO BAD,  
SO SAD...  
MINE  
HAD THE  
**BIGGEST**  
CHUNKS OF  
OCTOPUS...

OOH...  
NOW I'M  
JONESING  
FOR  
TAKOYAKI...



YEAH,  
THAT  
TAKOYAKI  
WAS  
GREAT!!

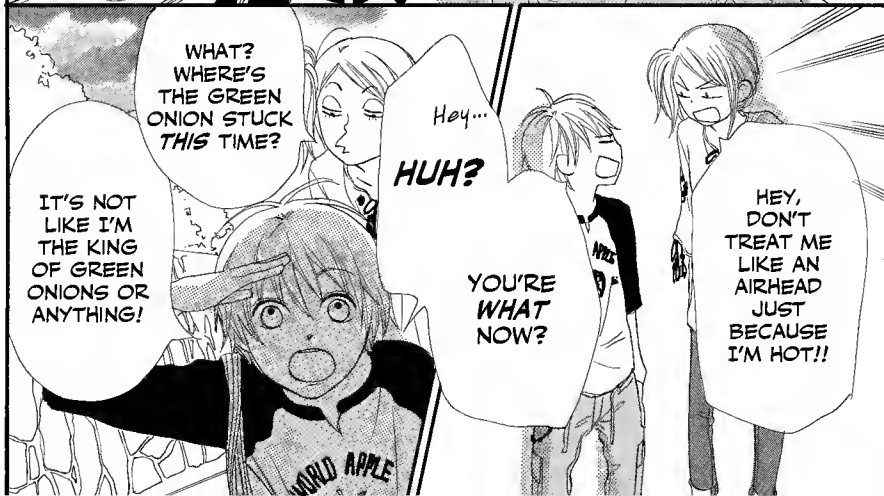
ANYWAY,  
**YOU**  
STOPPED  
FOR A  
SNACK!  
YOU HAD  
GREEN  
ONION  
STUCK IN  
YOUR  
TEETH!

DON'T  
SAY THAT  
WHILE  
YOU'RE  
GAZING  
AT YOUR  
BEAUTIFUL  
GIRL-  
FRIEND!



WHAT'D  
YOU  
FORGET  
**THIS**  
TIME?

HUH?



WHAT?  
WHERE'S  
THE GREEN  
ONION STUCK  
**THIS** TIME?

IT'S NOT  
LIKE I'M  
THE KING  
OF GREEN  
ONIONS OR  
ANYTHING!

Hey...

**HUH?**

YOU'RE  
**WHAT**  
NOW?

HEY,  
DON'T  
TREAT ME  
LIKE AN  
AIRHEAD  
JUST  
BECAUSE  
I'M HOT!!



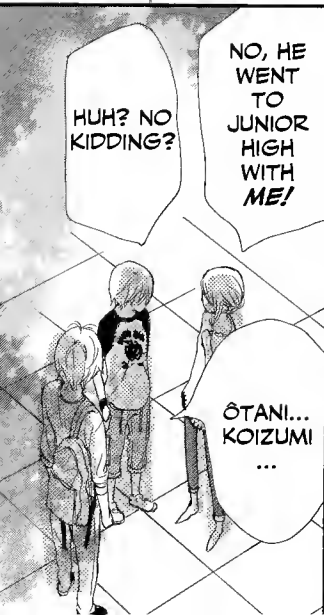


YOSHII!!



POT

ONION KING!



HUH? NO KIDDING?

NO, HE WENT TO JUNIOR HIGH WITH ME!

OTANI... KOIZUMI ...



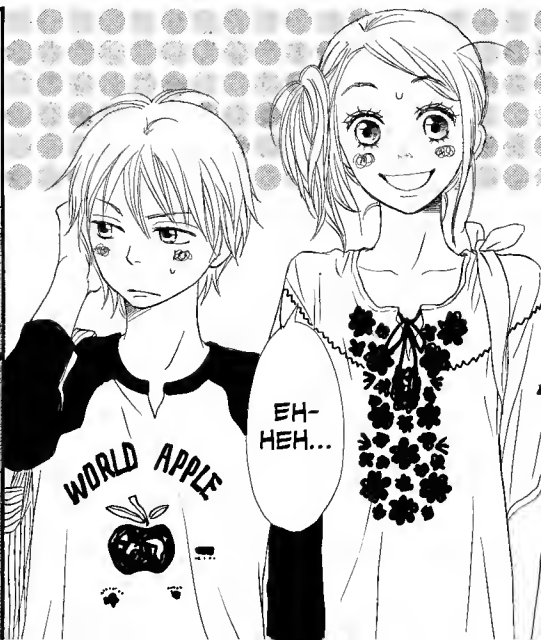
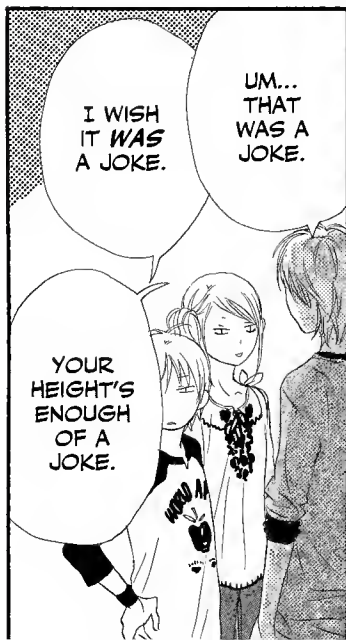
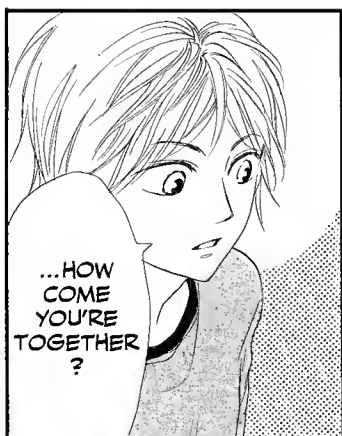
HE WENT TO JUNIOR HIGH WITH ME.

OTANI! YOU KNOW YOSHII?





ERR...  
WELL...





YOU  
HIT ME  
FIRST!!

O  
W  
W!!

ONLY  
BE-  
CAUSE  
OF WHAT  
YOU  
SAID!!



WHERE  
ARE YOU  
LIVING  
NOW?

W  
H  
A

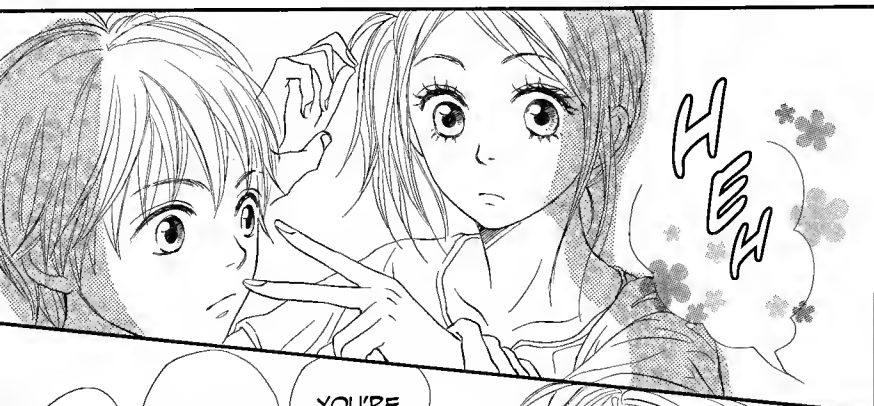
HYÔGO.



ANYWAY,  
IT'S  
BEEN SO  
LONG!!  
HOW'VE  
YOU  
BEEN?

S  
L  
A

OKAY.



H  
E  
H



AT  
US?  
WHY?

HEY, HE'S  
LAUGHING  
AT US.

YOU'RE  
PERFECT  
FOR  
EACH  
OTHER.

H  
A  
H  
A  
H  
A  
H  
A...





ARE YOU  
HERE  
FOR THE  
CONCERT  
TOO,  
YOSHII?

HEY, WE'D  
BETTER  
GET GOING  
BEFORE THE  
UMIBÔZU  
MERCHANDISE  
SELLS OUT.

YEAH,  
A FRIEND  
INVITED  
ME...

YOSH!!



YOU'RE  
GOING  
TO THE  
CONCERT  
WITH  
YOSHII?

YEAH, I  
ASKED  
HIM.



OH...

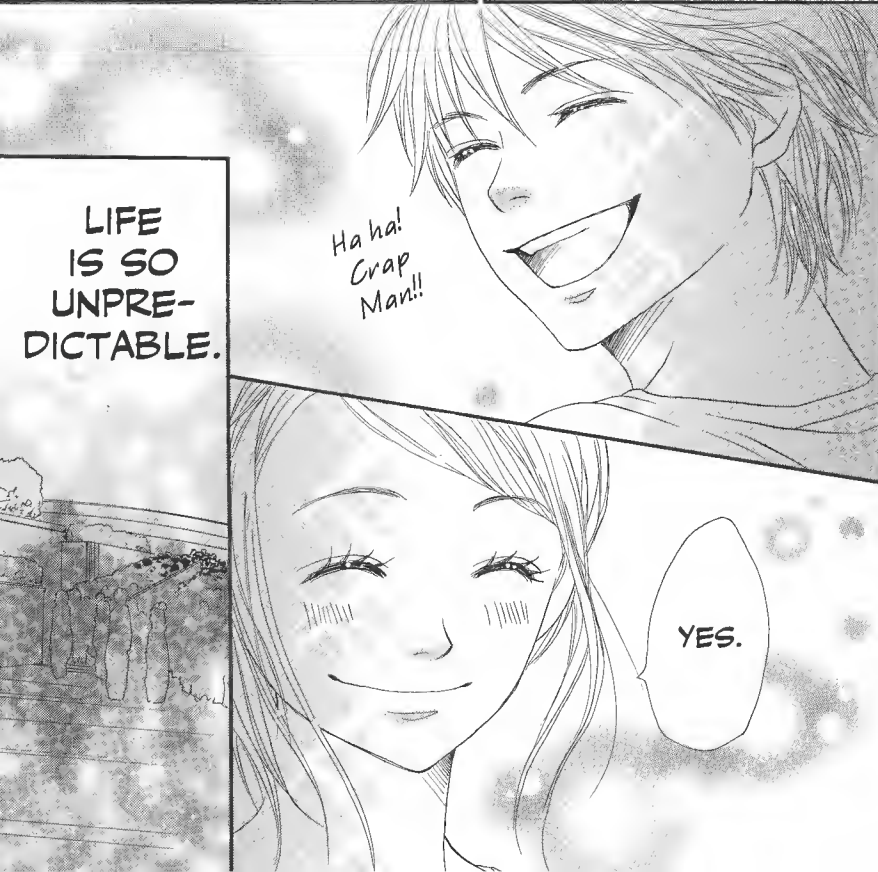
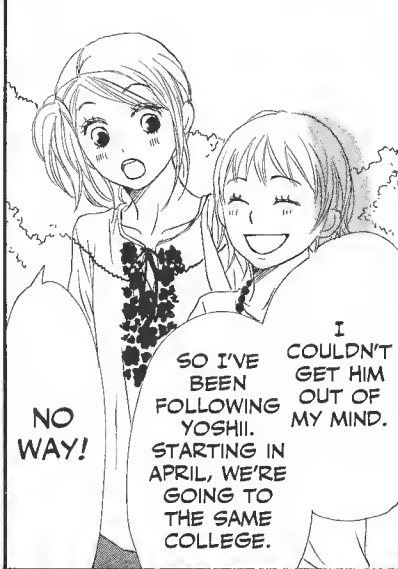
Sorry,  
did I keep  
you waiting?

No.



WHOA!  
AKECHIN!

HUH?  
RISA?





HUH?

I  
GUESS  
THAT  
MAKES  
YOSHII  
OUR  
CUPID.

HMM...



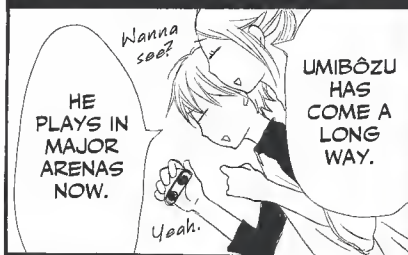
YUP.  
IT WAS  
YOSHII WHO  
TURNED  
ME ON TO  
UMIBÔZU.

ARE YOU  
SERIOUS?



...WE  
PROBABLY  
WOULDN'T  
BE  
TOGETHER  
NOW.

WELL,  
IF WE  
HADN'T  
BEEN  
UMIBÔZU  
FANS...



HE  
PLAYS IN  
MAJOR  
ARENAS  
NOW.

*Wanna  
see?*

UMIBÔZU  
HAS  
COME A  
LONG  
WAY.

*Yeah.*



WHY,  
YOU...



MAN,  
WE'RE  
SO FAR  
FROM  
THE  
STAGE.



Y'KNOW,  
ONCE HE  
WISHED  
ME HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY  
DURING A  
CONCERT.

HUH?



GEEZ,  
MUSHY  
TALK... YOU  
SOUND LIKE  
A GIRL.

DON'T  
MAKE  
ME  
PUKE.

I  
AM  
A  
GIRL.  
♡

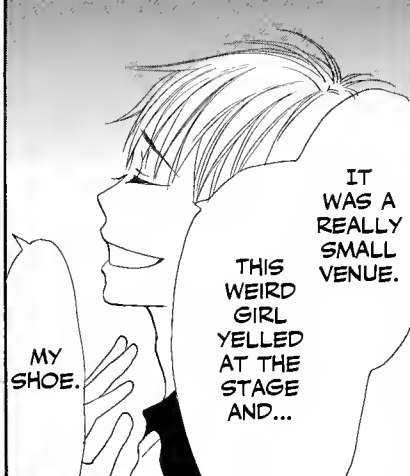




...LET  
ME  
WEAR  
HIS.

AND A  
BOY...

I LOST  
A SHOE.



MY  
SHOE.

IT  
WAS A  
REALLY  
SMALL  
VENUE.

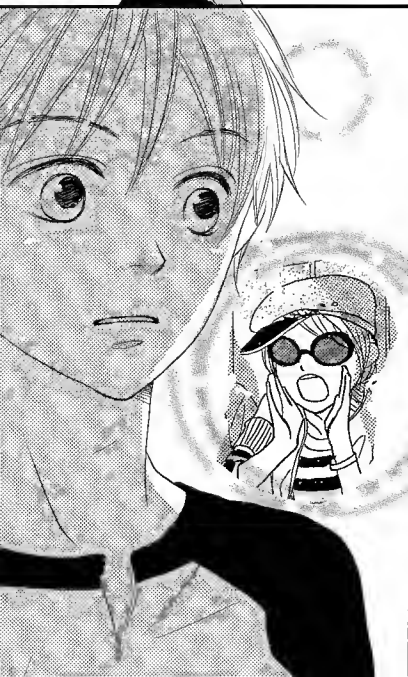
THIS  
WEIRD  
GIRL  
YELLED  
AT THE  
STAGE  
AND...



YEAH,  
I GAVE  
HIM  
CANDY.

CANDY  
...?

AND I  
WISHED  
HIM HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY  
AND...



AN INSIG-  
NIFICANT  
EVERYDAY  
ENCOUNTER...

...CAN  
TURN INTO  
SOME-  
THING THAT  
CHANGES  
YOUR LIFE.

THAT'S  
WHY...

...I  
WANT TO  
CHERISH  
EACH AND  
EVERY  
MOMENT.

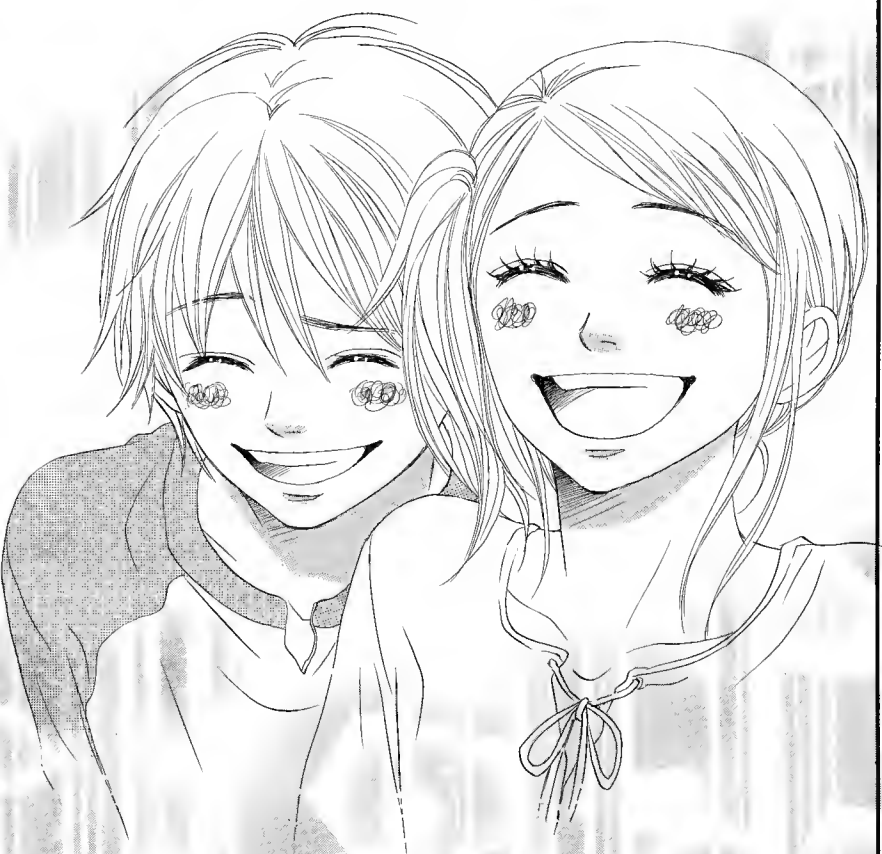
**HUH?**

NO WAY!  
I THOUGHT  
YOU WERE  
A GRADE-  
SCHOOL  
KID!!

**HEY!**

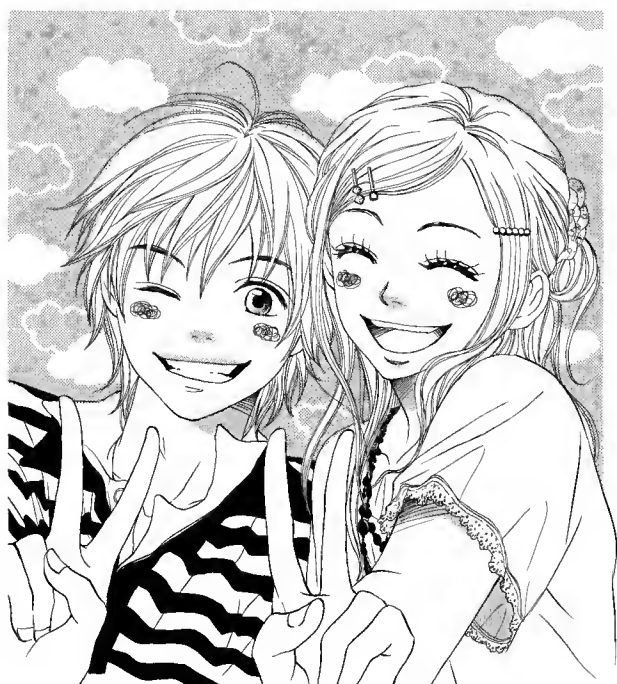
...I UNDER-  
STOOD THAT  
FEELING  
FOR THE  
FIRST TIME.

AFTER  
I MET  
ÔTANI...



《THE END》







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**FINAL**  
**Finale**



To Nana-chan, Mimi-chan, Mambo,  
Araki-kun, Et-chan, Hikari-chan,  
Ido-chan, Iku-chan, Fuk-kun, Taka-kun,  
Ichiro-kun, Pee-chan, Mr. Editor at  
*Betsucomi*, everyone in the Nakahara  
family, all my readers and everyone  
who supported Love★Com...

Thank you so much! ♡

August 2007 Aya ♧



WE'RE  
IN THE  
HOTTEST  
DAYS OF  
SUMMER.

✉ Incoming Mail 98/1000

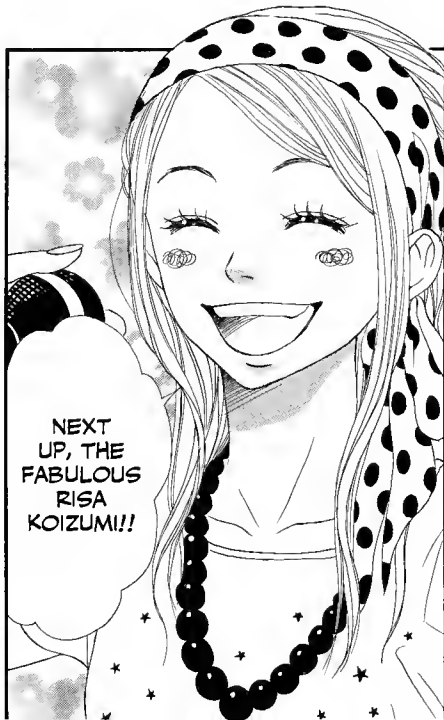
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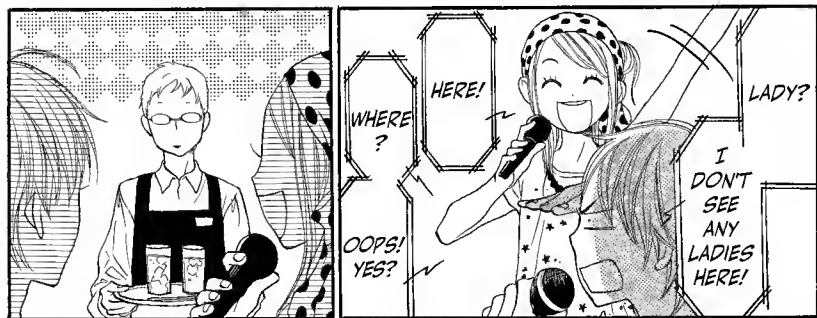
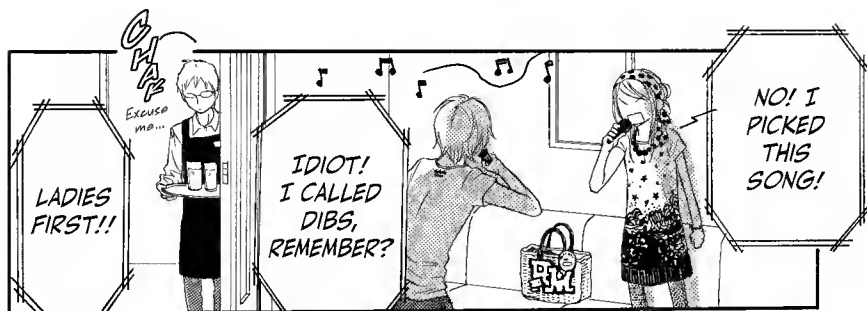
From Nobu-chan

Sub I'm coming! ♪ = 3

Yay!! How are you? ♪ ♪  
It's summer vacation!! ♪ ♪  
I'm coming home to Osaka!  
Let's hang out! ♡ ♡  
Nobu ♡

FOUR  
MONTHS  
HAVE  
PASSED  
SINCE  
GRADUA-  
TION.







THAT'S GOOD.  
NAKAO'S  
BEEN  
KINDA  
LONELY  
LATELY.

THIS  
PHONE  
CALL  
IS NO  
JOKE.

SHE'S  
GOING TO  
CALL ME  
ONCE SHE  
KNOWS  
WHEN SHE'S  
COMING  
HOME TO  
OSAKA.

OH,  
COOL.

WE  
HAVEN'T  
SEEN  
NOBU-  
CHAN IN  
AGES.



OH...

SORRY.



ALL  
RIGHT, WE  
CAN DO IT  
TOGETHER  
NEXT  
TIME.



NO, HE  
BROUGHT  
IT UP  
IN THAT  
LECTURE  
THE  
OTHER  
DAY.

YEAH.

...IT'S THAT  
SOMETIMES  
OTANI TALKS  
ABOUT  
THINGS I'M  
TOTALLY  
CLUELESS  
ABOUT.

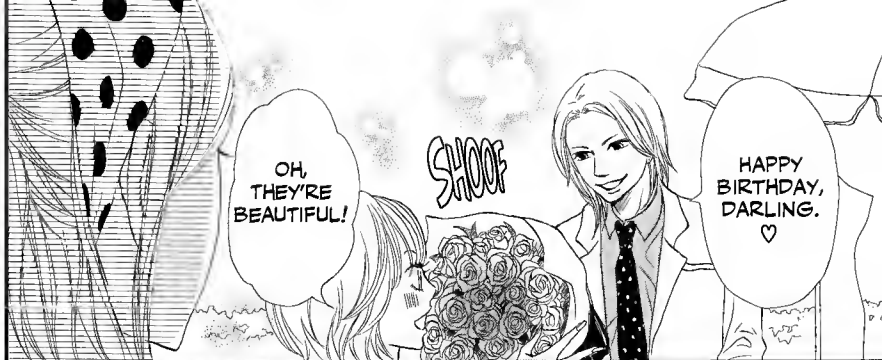


HUH? NO  
KIDDING?  
SHIOZAKI  
SAID  
THAT?

HELLO  
?

IF  
ANYTHING  
HAS  
CHANGED  
...





OH,  
THEY'RE  
BEAUTIFUL!

SHOOOF

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY,  
DARLING.  
♡



WELL,  
IT'S  
SUMMER.

I FOUND  
A GOOD  
TEMP JOB.

*Delivering  
packages.*

HUH?  
ANOTHER  
PART-  
TIME  
JOB?

ALSO...

WOW,  
LOOK  
AT  
THAT!  
♡



OKAY!

I'LL  
CALL  
YOU  
SOON!

...WE'VE  
BOTH  
BEEN  
PRETTY  
BUSY  
WITH  
STUFF.

WE DON'T  
ALWAYS  
HAVE  
MUCH  
TIME  
TOGETHER.

I  
BRACED  
MYSELF  
FOR  
THIS...

...

IT'S  
BEEN  
THREE  
WEEKS  
SINCE THE  
LAST TIME  
WE HUNG  
OUT.

HE  
SURE  
LEFT  
LIKE  
IT WAS  
NO BIG  
DEAL.

I HAVEN'T  
SEEN MY  
BABY FOR  
FOUR  
MONTHS,  
Y'KNOW?

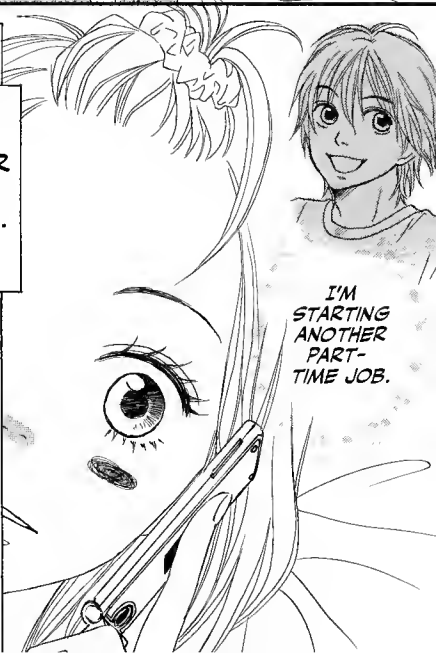
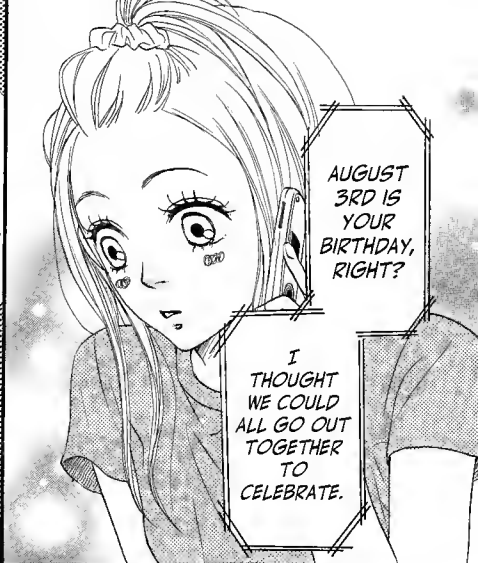
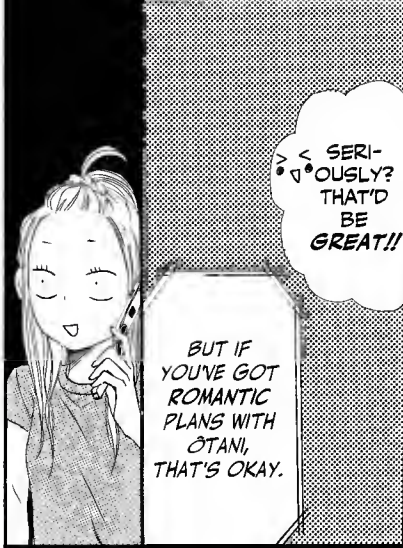
SO  
WHAT'S  
THREE  
WEEKS?

...BUT  
IT STILL  
KIND OF  
SUCKS.

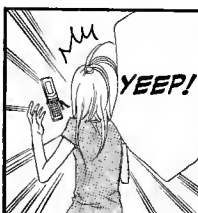
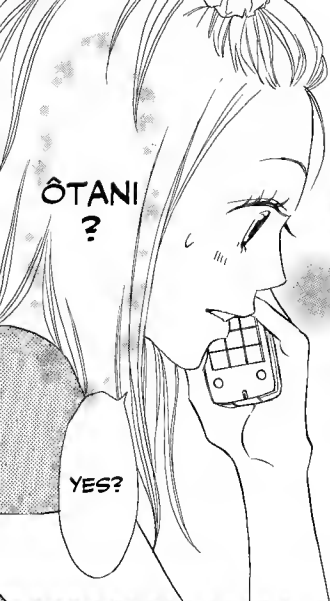
OH,  
I'LL BE  
BACK IN  
EARLY  
AUGUST.  
WILL YOU  
BE FREE?

I  
KNOW.

COLOR  
STYLING







WE'LL ALL BE  
TOGETHER  
FOR THE FIRST  
TIME SINCE  
GRADUATION.

IT'S  
LIKE...

I'M JUST  
LOOKING  
FORWARD  
TO IT.

NOTHING.

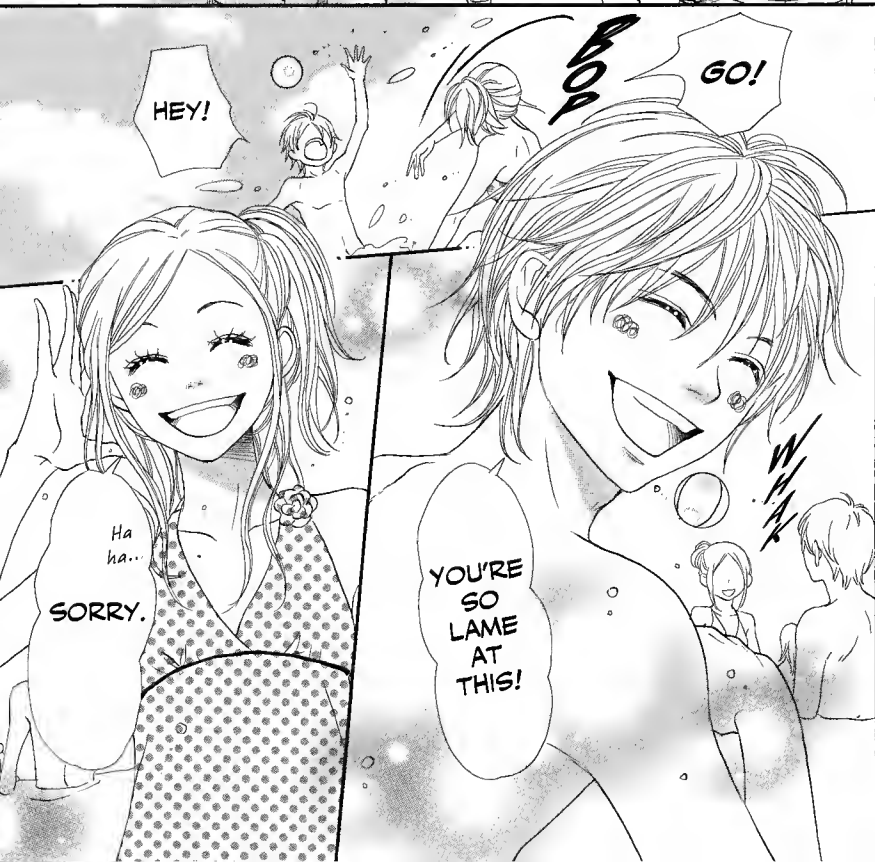
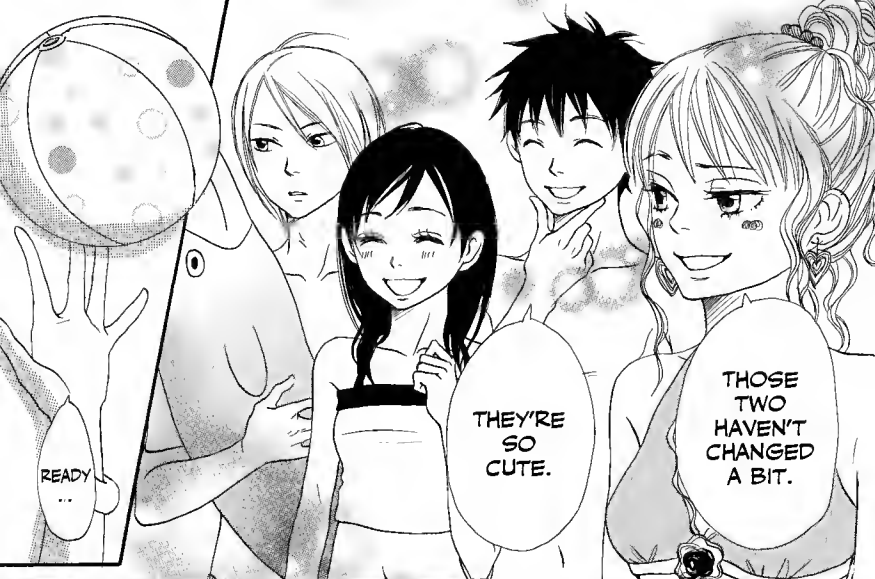
...WE'RE  
BACK  
IN HIGH  
SCHOOL  
AGAIN.

FULL  
SPEED  
AHEAD  
!!

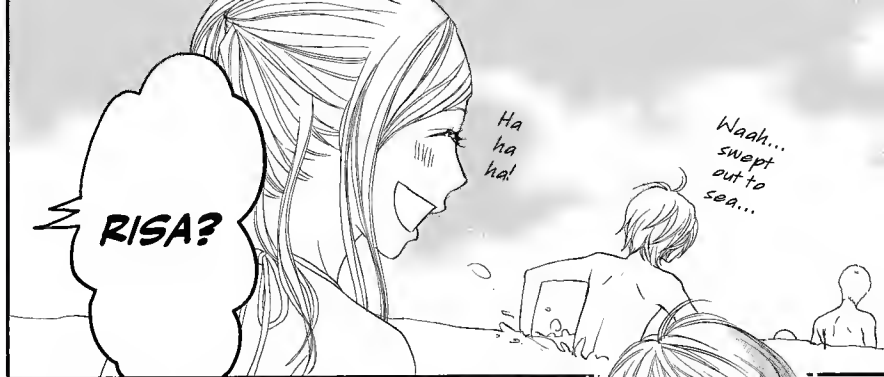
HERE  
WE  
GO!!

Y  
E  
A  
H  
!!

THE  
BEACH!!







**RISA?**

Ha  
ha  
ha!

Waah...  
swept  
out to  
sea...

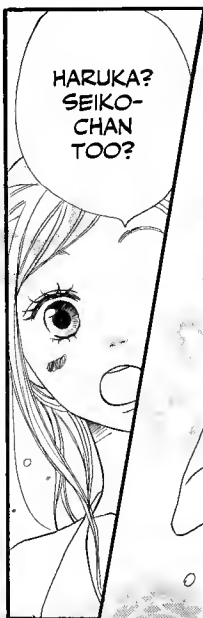


WE WERE  
PLANNING  
TO DROP  
BY YOUR  
HOUSE  
LATER WITH  
YOUR  
BIRTHDAY  
PRESENT!

IT'S  
FATE!

Sparks

REALLY  
?

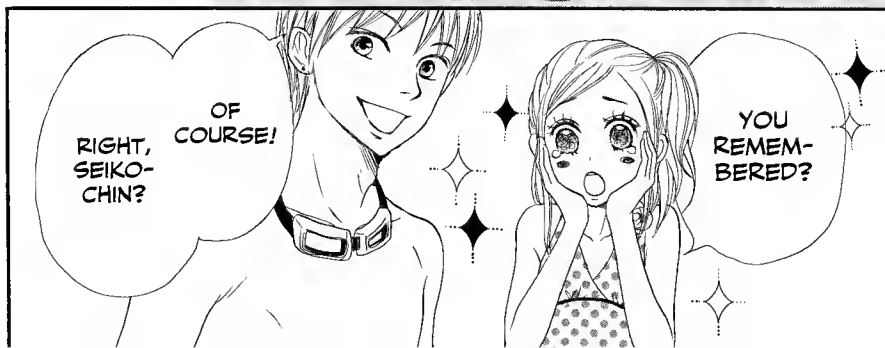


HARUKA?  
SEIKO-  
CHAN  
TOO?



KOIZUMI-  
SENPAI!

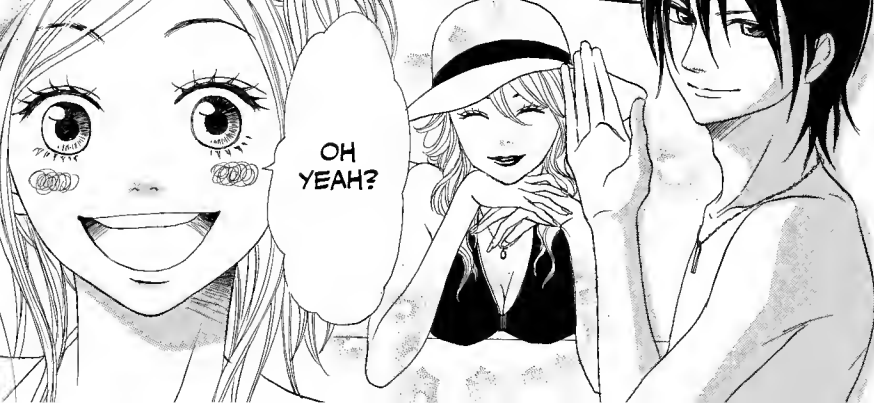
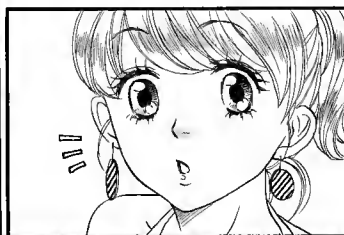
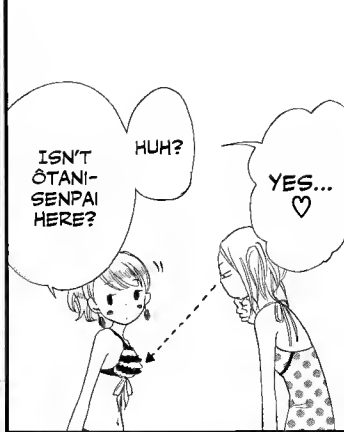
RISA!

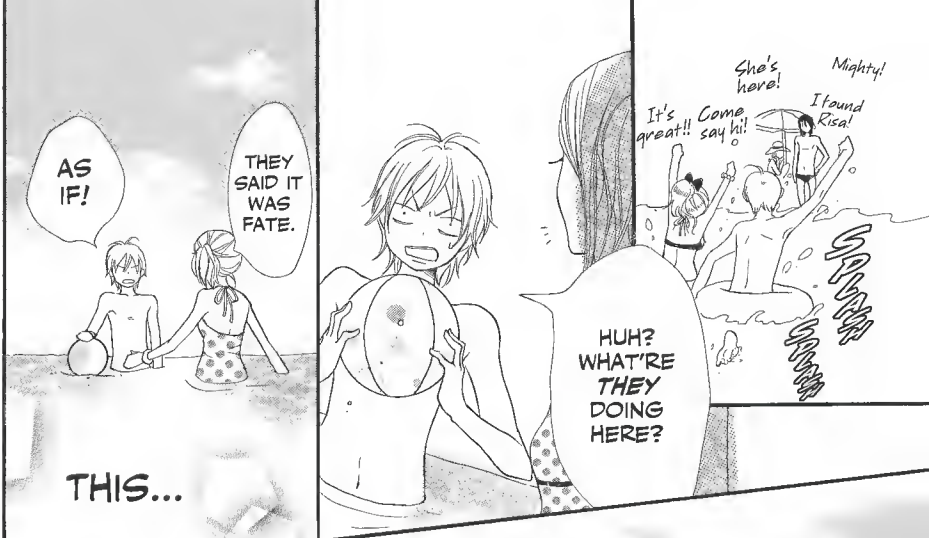


RIGHT,  
SEIKO-  
CHIN?

OF  
COURSE!

YOU  
REMEM-  
BERED?





AS IF!

THEY SAID IT WAS FATE.

THIS...

It's great!!  
Come say hi!  
She's here!  
Mighty!  
I found Risa!

HUH?  
WHAT'RE  
THEY  
DOING  
HERE?



...IS MY  
IDEA  
OF A  
PERFECT  
AFTER-  
NOON.

COME  
HAVE  
SOME  
TEA,  
RISA-  
CHAN.



YES,  
LOTS  
OF  
FUN!

CHI HARU-  
CHAN, HOW'S  
COLLEGE?  
IS IT FUN?



Okay.

THANKS  
A LOT.

HERE  
YOU  
GO!



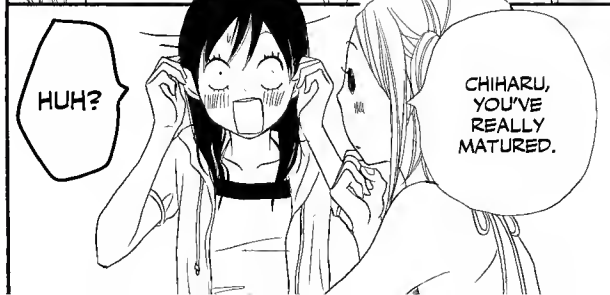
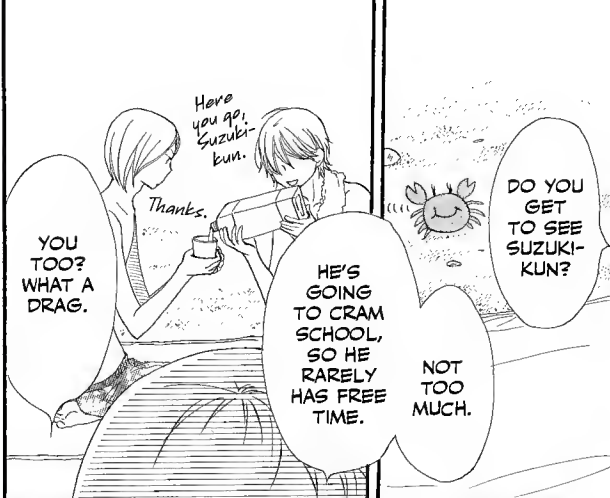


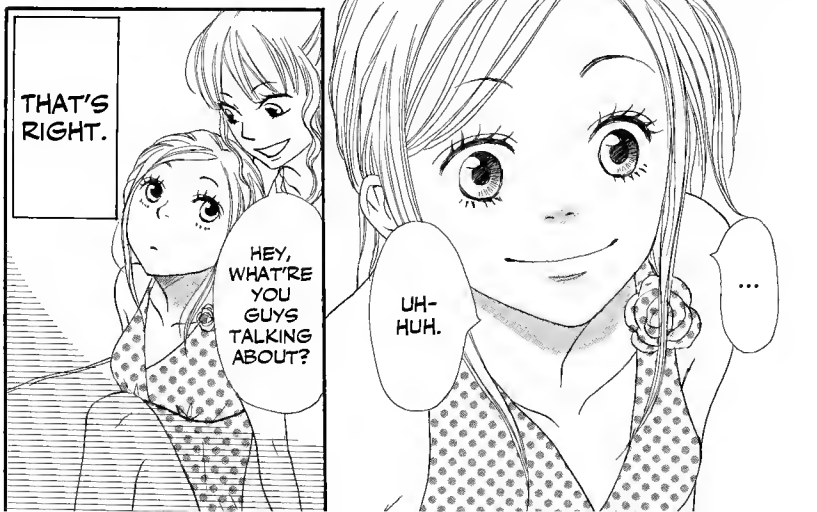
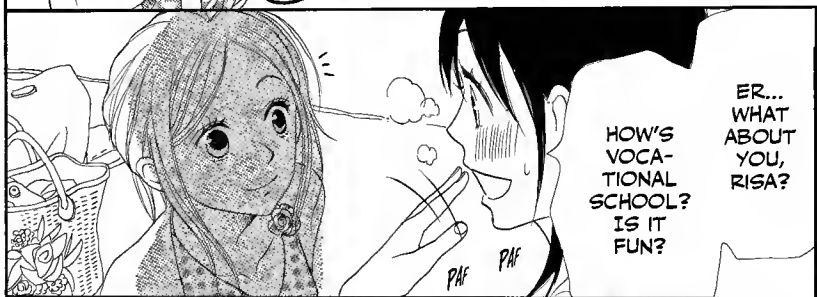
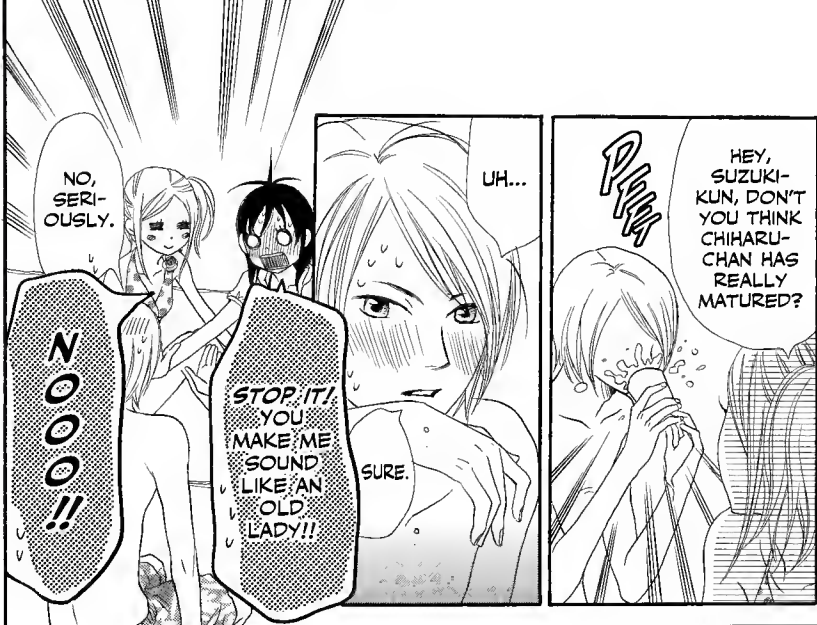
Okay! This is it!


I'm really glad I created Love★Com. I'm still learning and making lots of mistakes, but that just means I'll keep working to grow and mature. If you should come upon another Aya Nakahara manga in the future, please read it.

Well, take care!!

August 2008  
Aya Nakahara







I  
COMMUTE  
THREE  
HOURS  
EVERY DAY  
TO JUNIOR  
COLLEGE,  
PLUS I WORK  
PART-TIME.

AND I  
COOK FOR  
GRANDMA.



HUH?  
YOU  
BET I  
AM.

WHAT  
ABOUT  
ME?

YOU'RE  
HARD AT  
WORK IN  
HOKKAIDO,  
RIGHT,  
NOBU-  
CHAN?



Oh  
yeah.  
THEY OWN A  
TRADITIONAL  
SWEETSHOP,  
RIGHT?

OH, AND  
I'M HELPING  
AT NAKAO'S  
FAMILY STORE.  
YOU'VE  
GOTTA  
COME  
SEE IT!

YOU  
HUNGRY?  
WANT ME  
TO PICK  
SOMETHING  
UP?

NOBU-  
CHAN!

I'LL  
COME  
WITH  
YOU.

COOL..



EVERY-  
THING  
THERE  
IS NEW  
TO ME!

BUT  
IT'S  
FUN!



...BUT  
THERE'S  
SOME-  
THING  
DIFFERENT  
ABOUT  
THEM.

HEY.

OW!

IT'S  
ALMOST  
LIKE HIGH  
SCHOOL...

Yeah.

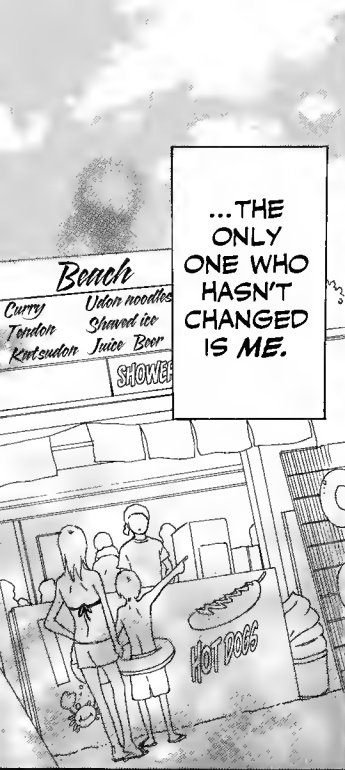
I'm  
hungry,  
aren't  
you?

That's  
so cute  
on you.

ÔTANI  
TOO...

WHAT?

LET'S  
JOIN  
THEM.

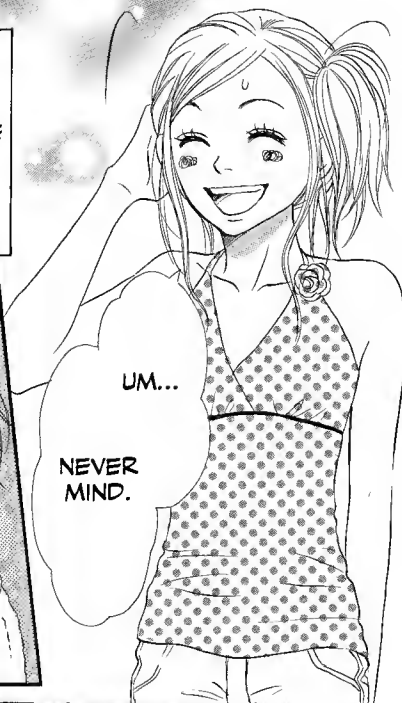


...THE ONLY ONE WHO HASN'T CHANGED IS ME.



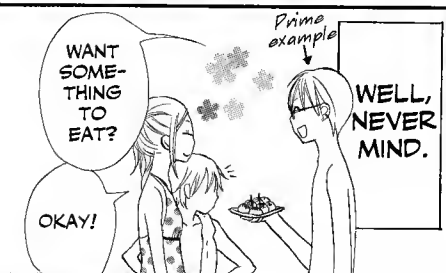
MAYBE

...



UM...

NEVER MIND.



Prime example

WELL, NEVER MIND.

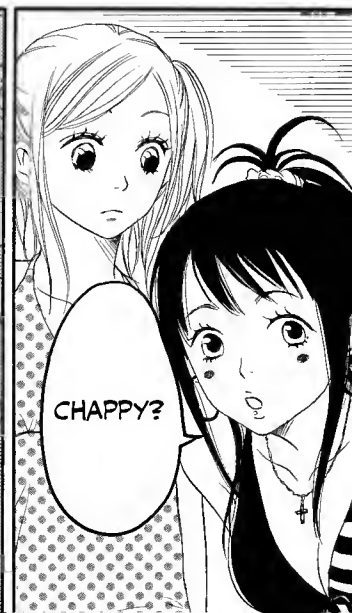
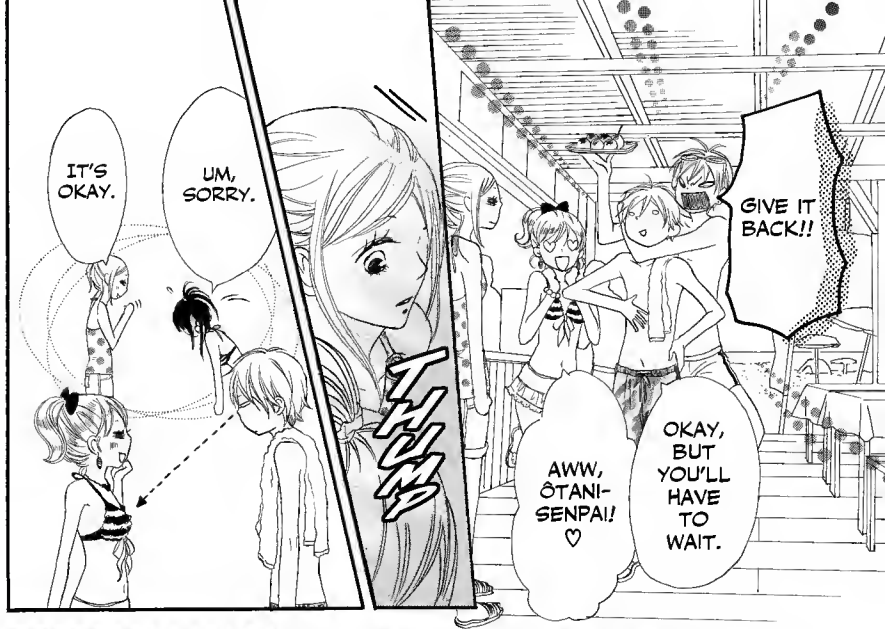


LOOKS GOOD.



Aw, shucks. & Hoo hoo &

RISA!



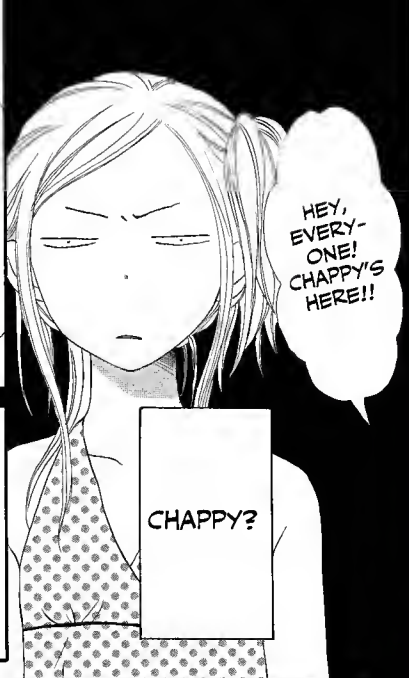




UM...

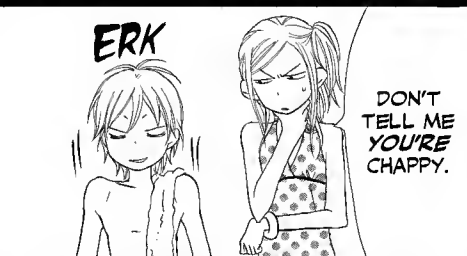
WHAT'RE  
YOU  
GUYS  
DOING  
HERE?

HEY!  
IT'S  
CHAPPY  
!!



HEY,  
EVERY-  
ONE!  
CHAPPY'S  
HERE!!

CHAPPY?



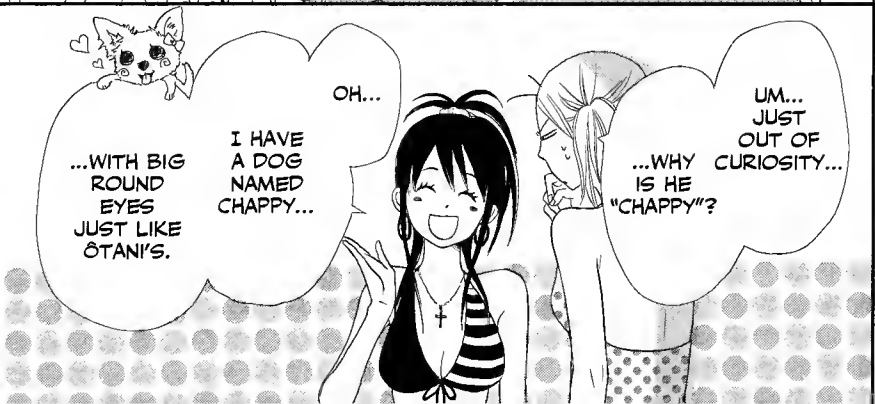
ERK

DON'T  
TELL ME  
*YOU'RE*  
CHAPPY.



HEY  
THERE!

No! I  
mean...  
They're  
friends  
from  
college...

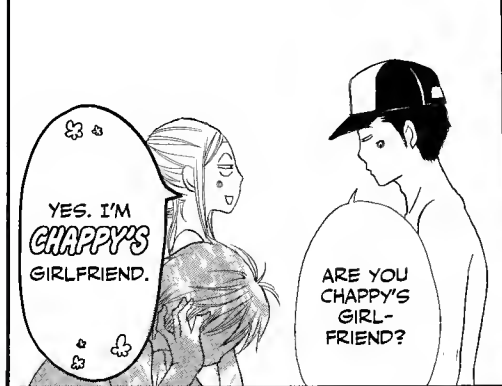


...WITH BIG  
ROUND  
EYES  
JUST LIKE  
OTANI'S.

I HAVE  
A DOG  
NAMED  
CHAPPY...

OH...

UM...  
JUST  
OUT OF  
CURIOSITY...  
...WHY  
IS HE  
"CHAPPY"?



YES. I'M  
**CHAPPY'S**  
GIRLFRIEND.

ARE YOU  
CHAPPY'S  
GIRL-  
FRIEND?



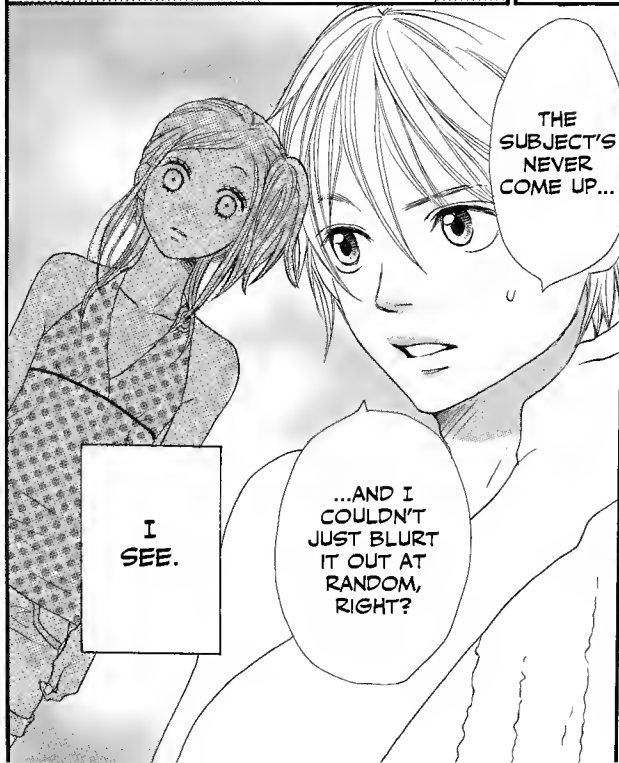
O  
H  
H  
...

SO I  
CALLED  
HIM CHAPPY,  
AND EVERY-  
ONE ELSE  
STARTED  
DOING  
IT TOO.



SERIOUSLY?

HE HAS  
A **GIRL-  
FRIEND?**



I  
SEE.

...AND I  
COULDN'T  
JUST BLURT  
IT OUT AT  
RANDOM,  
RIGHT?

THE  
SUBJECT'S  
NEVER  
COME UP...



...  
YOU  
DIDN'T  
TELL  
THEM?

UH...



WHAT  
DO  
YOU  
CALL  
HER?

WHAT'S  
HER  
NAME?

I  
SAID  
...

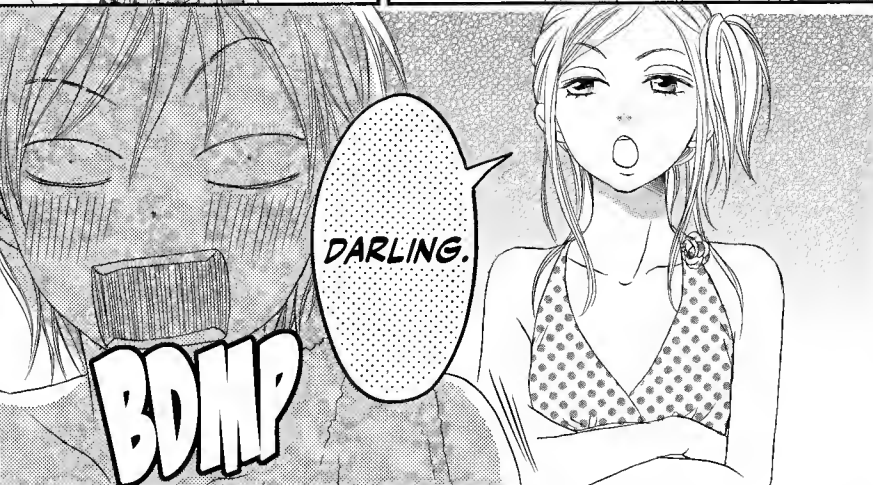
IT  
DOESN'T  
MATTER!!



HE  
DIDN'T  
TELL  
THEM  
ABOUT  
ME.

AND  
HE'S  
MEETING  
HOT  
GIRLS...

OH, YOU  
HAVE  
A GIRL-  
FRIEND?



*DARLING.*

**BDMP**



TAKE  
YOUR  
SWEET  
TIME.

W...

...I SEEM  
TO BE IN  
THE WAY,  
SO I'LL  
JUST GO  
ON AHEAD.

LISTEN,  
DEAR...

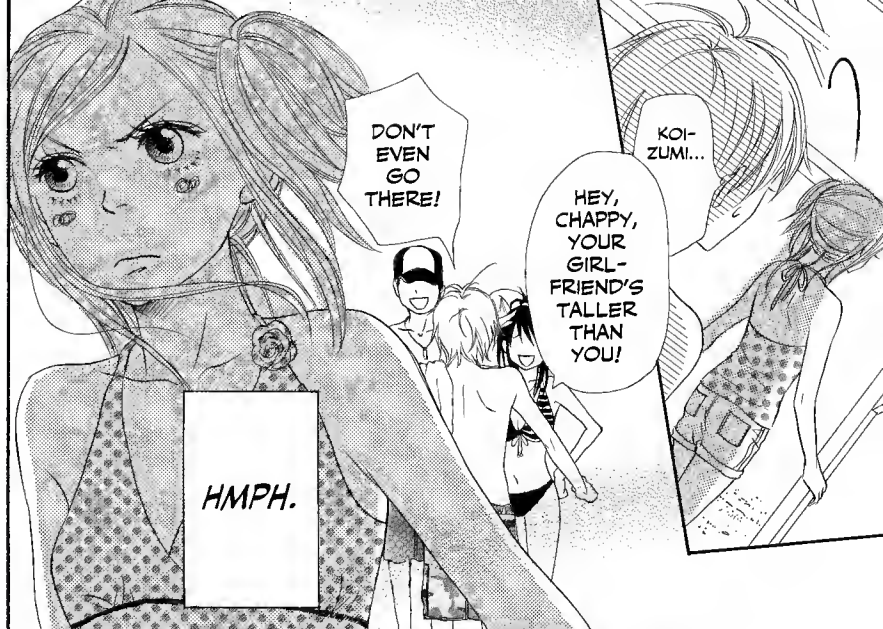
DAR-  
LING?

UM...

AW, MY  
FAVORITE  
PET  
NAME!

OOOOH!♡





DON'T  
EVEN  
GO  
THERE!

KOI-  
ZUMI...

HEY,  
CHAPPY,  
YOUR  
GIRL-  
FRIEND'S  
TALLER  
THAN  
YOU!

HMPH.



SLURP  
SLURP  
SLURP



...  
AW,  
COME  
ON.

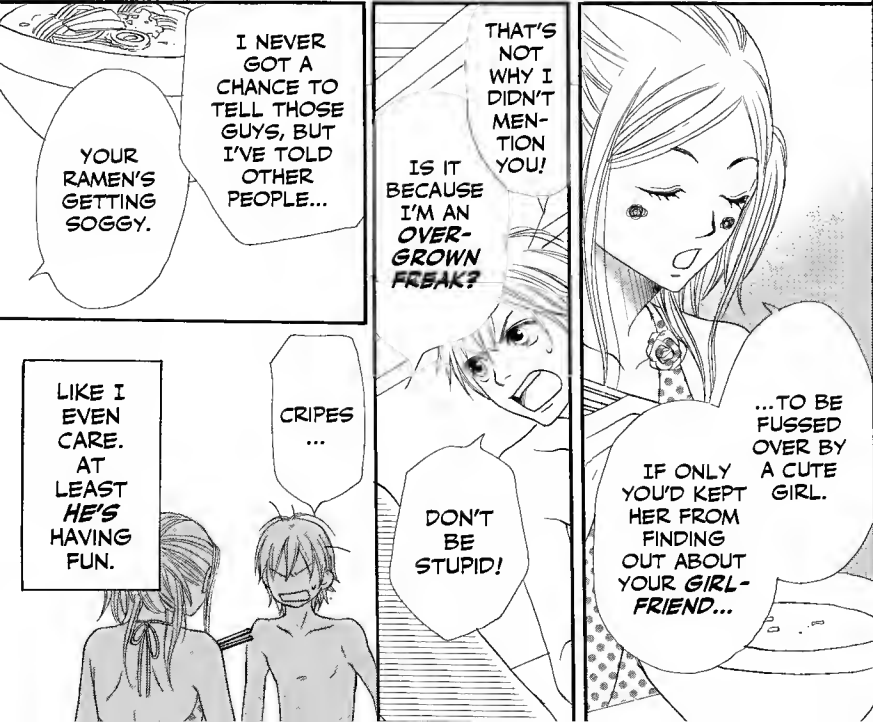
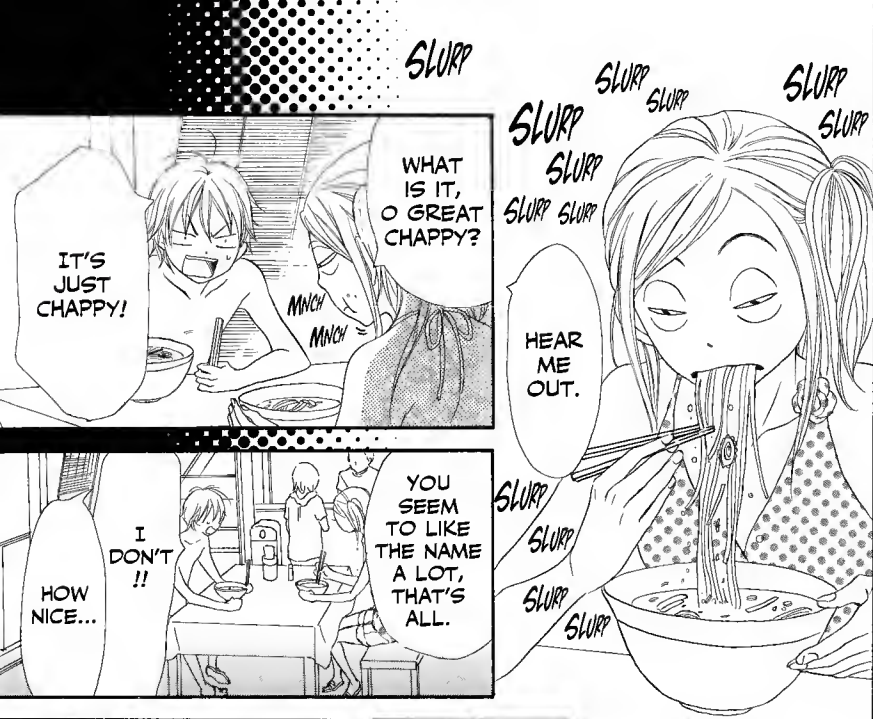
SLURP  
SLURP  
SLURP

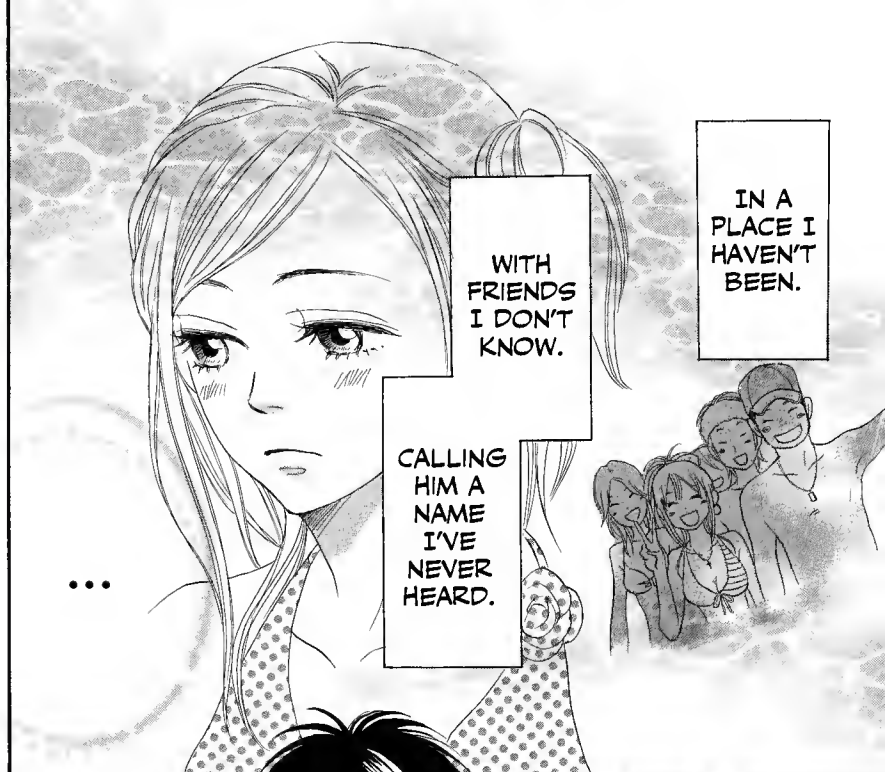
SO  
THAT'S  
HOW  
IT IS.

SEE  
IF I  
CARE.

SLURP

SLURP  
SLURP





WITH  
FRIENDS  
I DON'T  
KNOW.

IN A  
PLACE I  
HAVEN'T  
BEEN.

...  
CALLING  
HIM A  
NAME  
I'VE  
NEVER  
HEARD.



KOHORI-  
KUN!

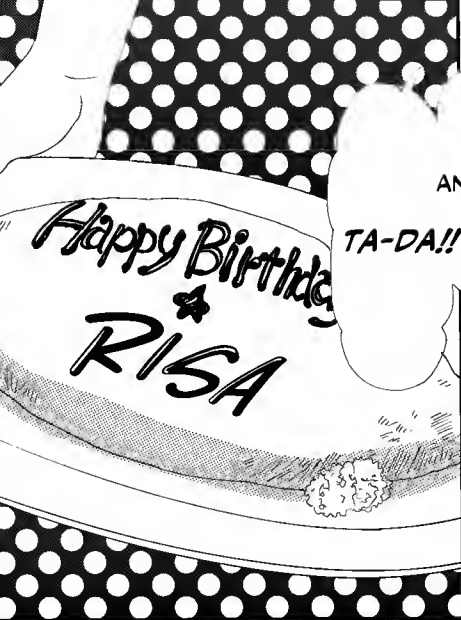
What  
the  
heck?

WHAT'RE  
YOU  
DOING  
HERE?

KOIZUMI-  
SAN!

KO...





YUP.  
ANYWAY...

TA-DA!!



NO  
WAY!  
TWO  
JOBS  
AT  
ONCE?

I  
WORK  
HERE  
PART-  
TIME.



HOW'S  
THAT,  
RISA?

WE SAW  
KOHORI  
AND  
ASKED  
HIM TO  
MAKE IT  
FOR  
YOU.



HUH?

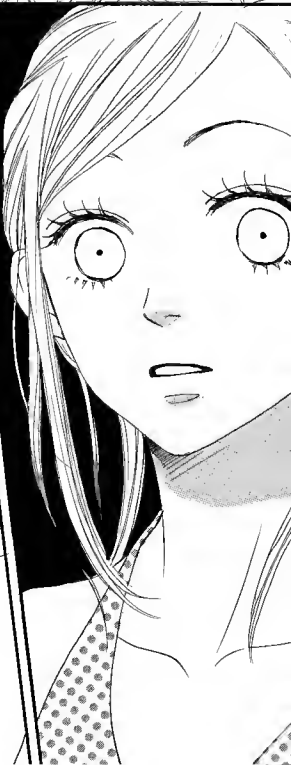
AWE-  
SOME!  
THANK  
YOU!!



HUH?

WHAT'S  
THIS?

WE  
COULDN'T  
GET YOU A  
CAKE, SO  
HERE'S A  
BIRTHDAY  
OMELET.  
♡





WHAT A JERK!!

ARE YOU SERIOUS?

No... I mean...



Oh...

Um...



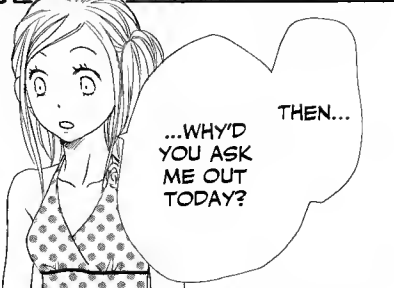
YEAH, NO WAY...

YOU... DIDN'T KNOW?



I JUST HAD SOME FREE TIME IN MY WORK SCHEDULE, SO I THOUGHT WE COULD HANG OUT...

ERR...

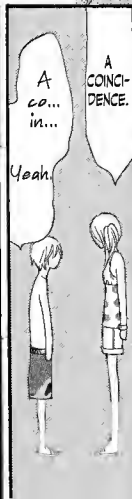


...WHY'D YOU ASK ME OUT TODAY?

THEN...



...Sorry.



A co... in...

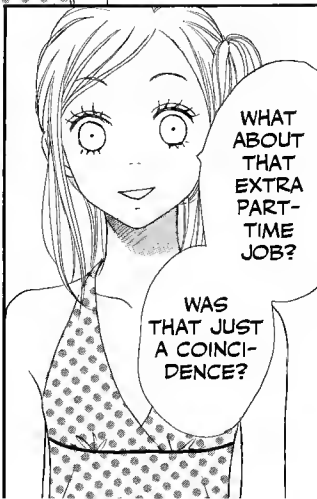
A COINCIDENCE.

Yeah.



It was...

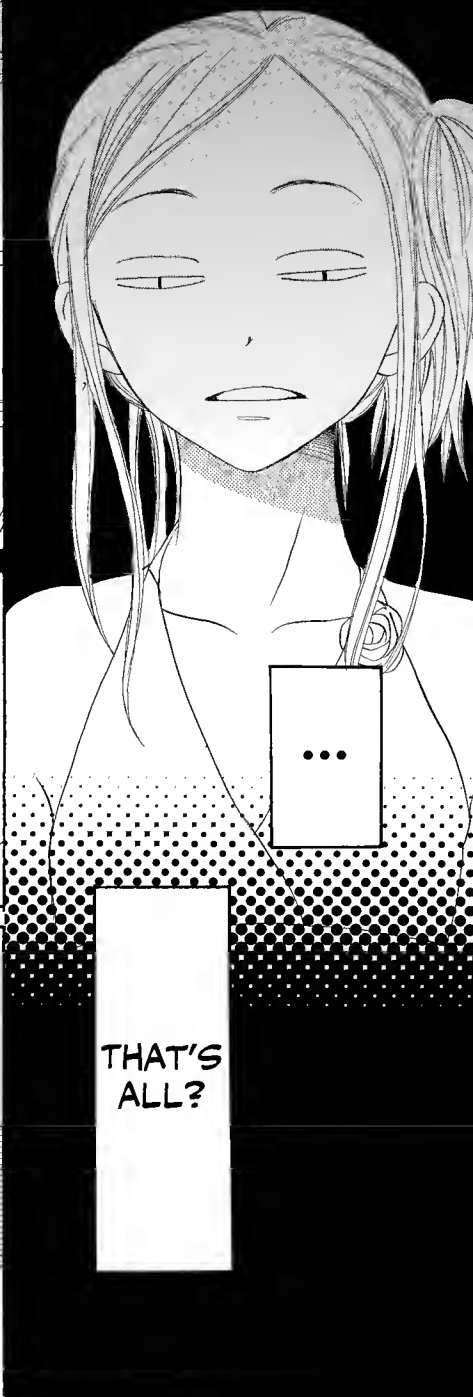
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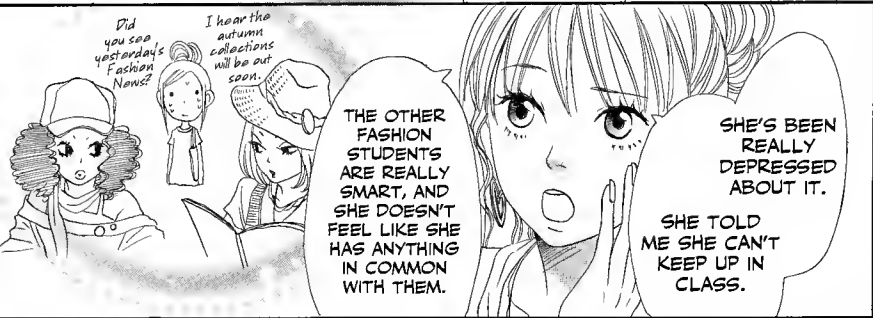
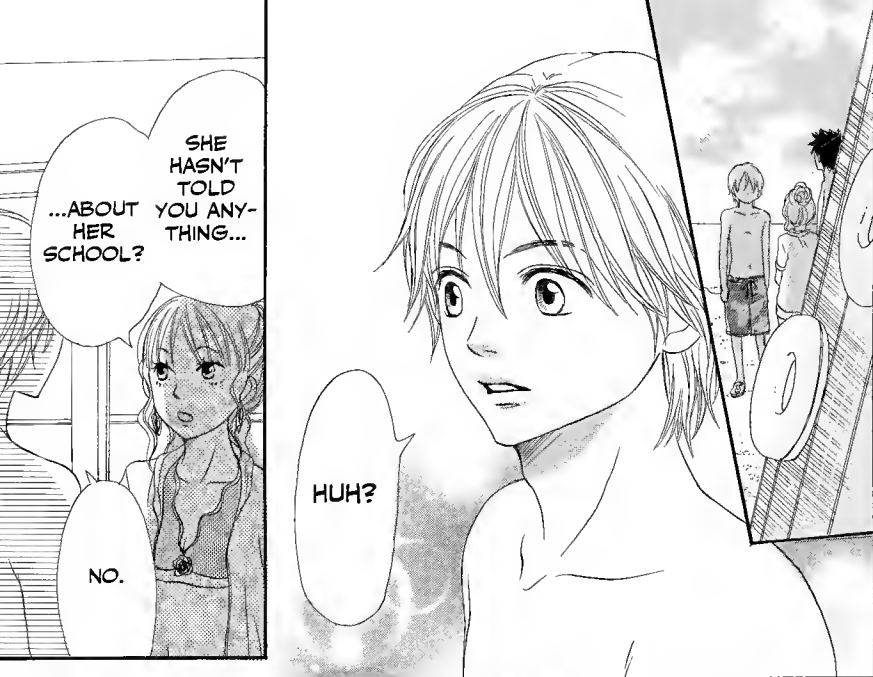


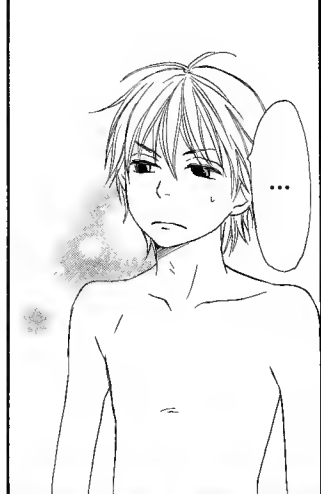
WHAT ABOUT THAT EXTRA PART-TIME JOB?

WAS THAT JUST A COINCIDENCE?









...



ARGH!  
WHO  
TOLD  
YOU  
THAT  
NAME?

HARUKA  
AND  
SEIKO.



THAT'S  
NOT  
WHAT  
WE DO,  
CHAPPY.

...AND  
THEN YOU  
HAVE TO  
GO AND  
FORGET  
HER  
BIRTHDAY.



THIS  
ISN'T  
WORK-  
ING.

I HATE  
FEELING  
LONELY  
AND  
PATHETIC  
EVERY  
TIME  
WE'RE  
APART.

OR  
FEELING  
HURT  
WHEN HE  
FORGETS  
ABOUT  
ME AND  
LEAVES ME  
HANGING.



I  
DON'T  
GET IT.

DIDN'T  
SHE FEEL  
LIKE SHE  
COULD  
TALK TO  
ME?

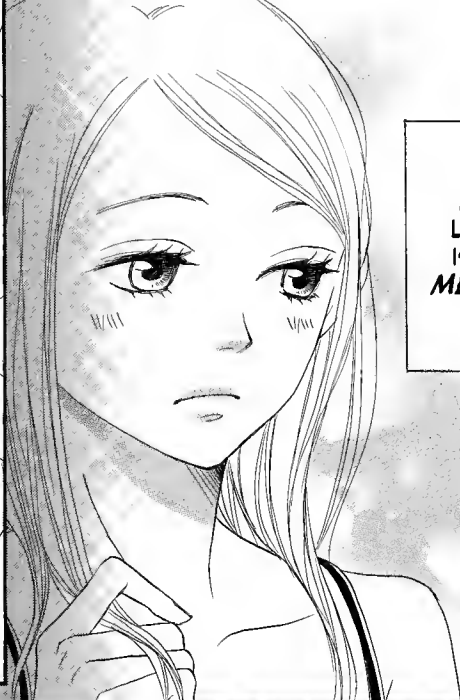




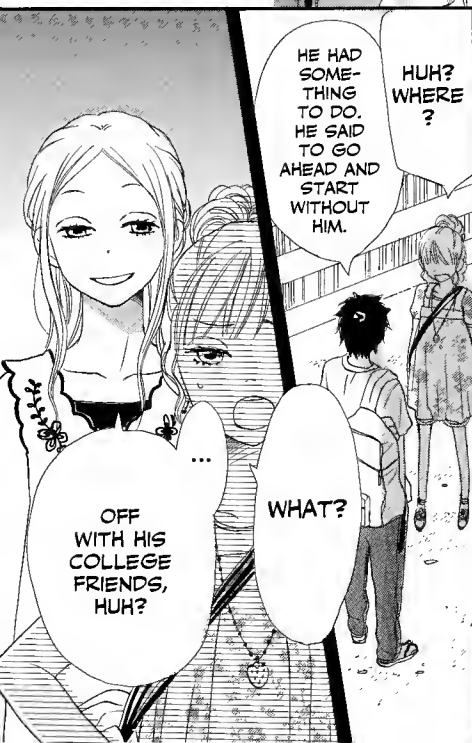
RISA!

I  
BOUGHT  
FIRE-  
WORKS!  
COME  
JOIN US!

OKAY.



MY  
LIFE  
IS A  
*MESS.*



HE HAD  
SOME-  
THING  
TO DO.  
HE SAID  
TO GO  
AHEAD AND  
START  
WITHOUT  
HIM.

HUH?  
WHERE  
?

...  
OFF  
WITH HIS  
COLLEGE  
FRIENDS,  
HUH?

WHAT?

OTANI  
HAD  
TO GO.

THE SAME  
WAY HE  
FORGOT  
MY  
BIRTHDAY.

THIS IS  
HOW IT'S  
GONNA END.  
ÔTANI'S  
JUST GONNA  
FORGET ME,  
LITTLE BY  
LITTLE.



IT'S  
ALL  
RIGHT.  
I'LL  
LIVE.

GOOD-  
BYE,  
ÔTANI.

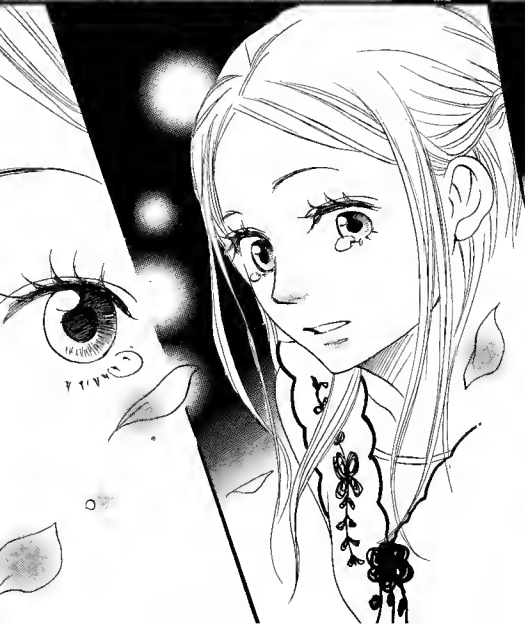
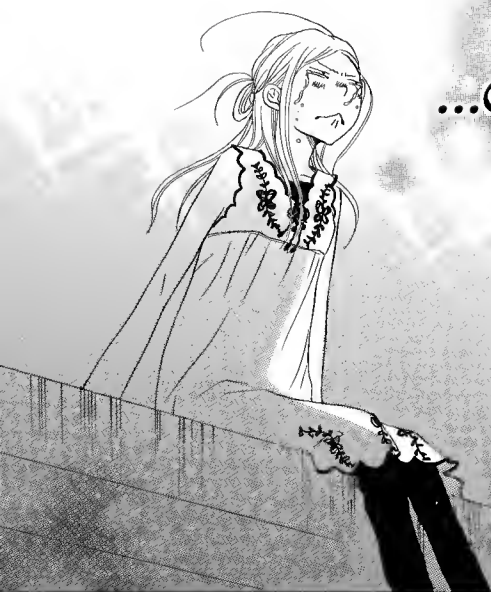
OH...

RIGHT.  
HE'S NOT  
ÔTANI  
ANYMORE.

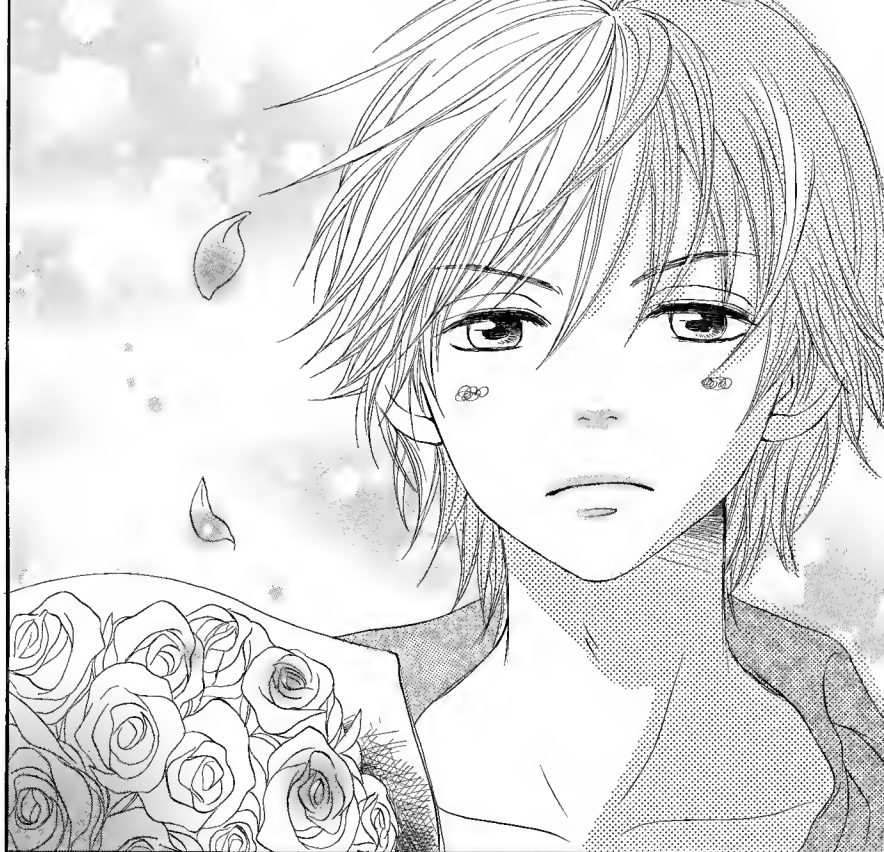
oh!  
so  
pretty!

GOOD-  
BYE...

...CHAPPY.

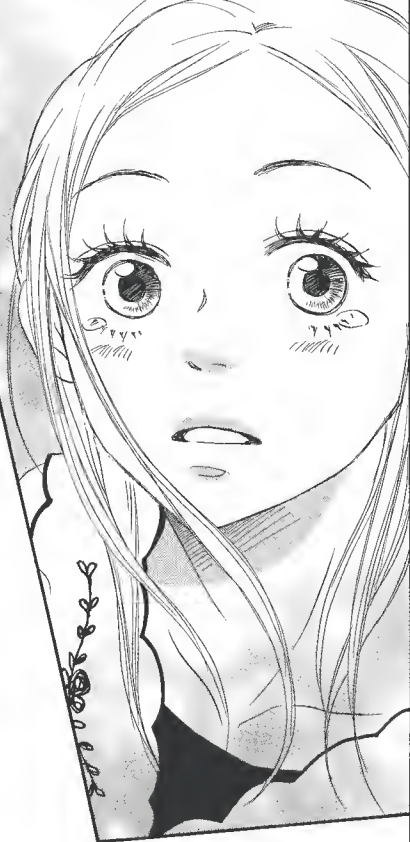






HUH?

SHOF

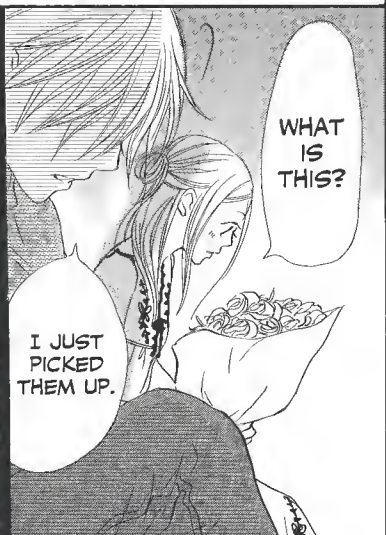


Wow,  
look  
at  
these!  
♡

YOU THINK ...  
I DIDN'T SEE  
YOU DROOLING  
OVER THE  
FLOWERS THAT  
DOPE BOUGHT  
HIS GIRLFRIEND  
THE OTHER  
DAY?

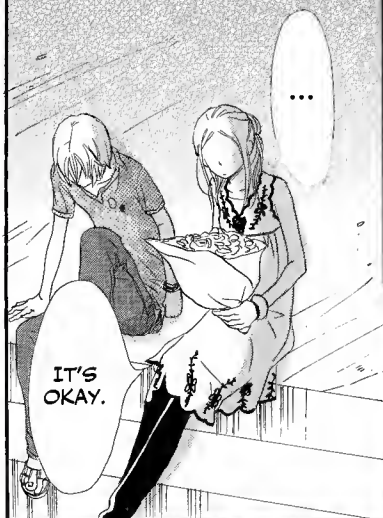
ROSES  
?

IT'S  
NOT  
LIKE I'M  
INTO  
STUFF  
LIKE  
THIS.



WHAT  
IS  
THIS?

I JUST  
PICKED  
THEM UP.



IT'S  
OKAY.

I'M  
SORRY I  
FORGOT  
YOUR  
BIRTHDAY.

I CAN'T  
BELIEVE  
HE  
NOTICED  
THAT.

I  
THOUGHT  
YOU WENT  
OFF TO  
SEE YOUR  
NEW  
FRIENDS.

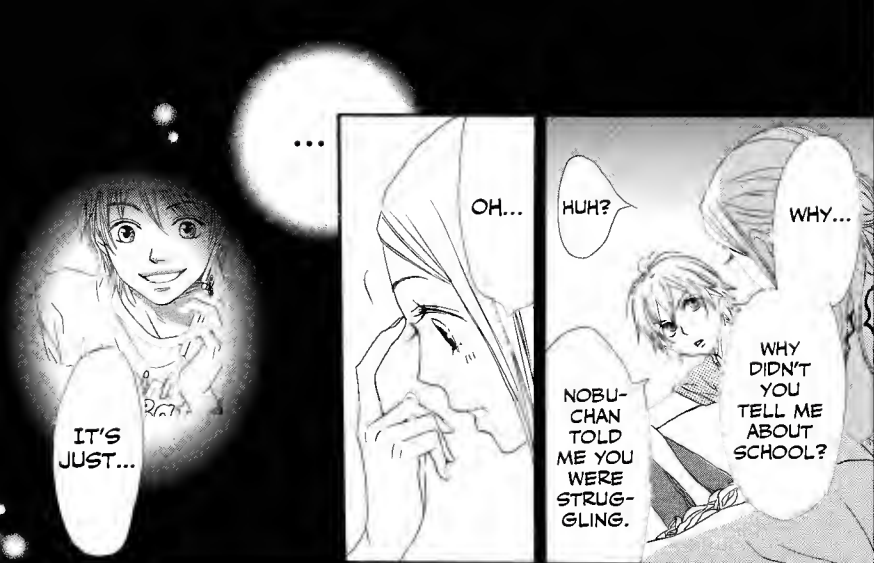


WHY  
WOULD  
YOU  
THINK  
THAT?

THANK  
YOU.

HE WAS  
WATCHING  
THAT  
SILLY  
SCENE  
TOO...







OKAY,  
THEN!  
GET IT ALL  
OFF YOUR  
CHEST  
RIGHT  
NOW!

I'M ALL  
EARS!



AND?

WHAT  
ELSE?

WELL,  
THAT'S  
OKAY,  
THEN.

NO, NO!  
SHE'S GOT  
A BOY-  
FRIEND!

The guy  
in the  
back!

I  
THINK  
THAT  
GIRL  
HAS A  
THING  
FOR YOU...



NOT  
SOME  
STUPID  
DOG  
NAME...

YOUR  
NAME IS  
OTANI,  
OTANI!

HUH?

CH...

CHAPPY  
IS A  
DUMB  
NAME!

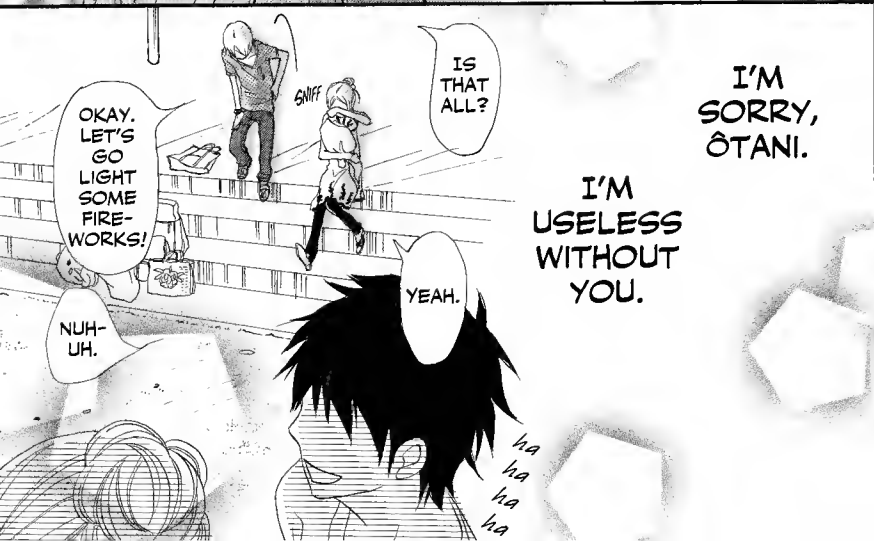
I  
TOTALLY  
AGREE!



SURE!  
WE CAN  
DO  
THAT!

I DON'T  
GET  
ENOUGH  
OF YOU,  
ÔTANI!

I WANT  
TO SEE  
YOU  
MORE...



OKAY.  
LET'S  
GO  
LIGHT  
SOME  
FIRE-  
WORKS!

IS  
THAT  
ALL?

I'M  
SORRY,  
ÔTANI.

I'M  
USELESS  
WITHOUT  
YOU.

YEAH.

ha  
ha  
ha  
ha

NUH-  
UH.





LET'S GO.

OKAY, WHAT-EVER.

**YOU TAKE THAT BACK!**

THAT'S NOTHING NEW, RIGHT?



SNIFF

NO...

I CAN'T GO. I BET I LOOK LIKE A FREAK.



HURRY UP BEFORE WE RUN OUT OF FIREWORKS!

OH!

ÔTANI-KUN!  
RISA!



IT'S OKAY. GO ON AHEAD.

KOI-ZUMI!



SEE?

I CAN'T. I JUST CAN'T.

C'MON, KOIZUMI!







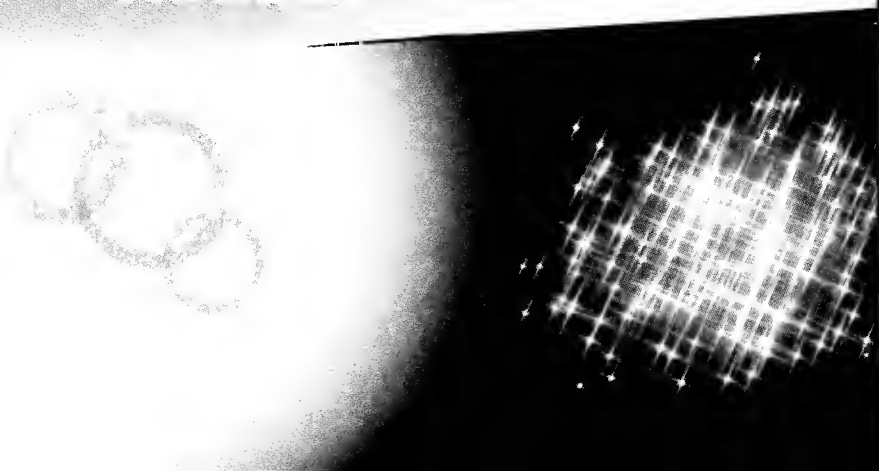


AS LONG  
AS ÔTANI  
IS BY MY  
SIDE...

NOPE!

ONE  
MORE  
TIME!

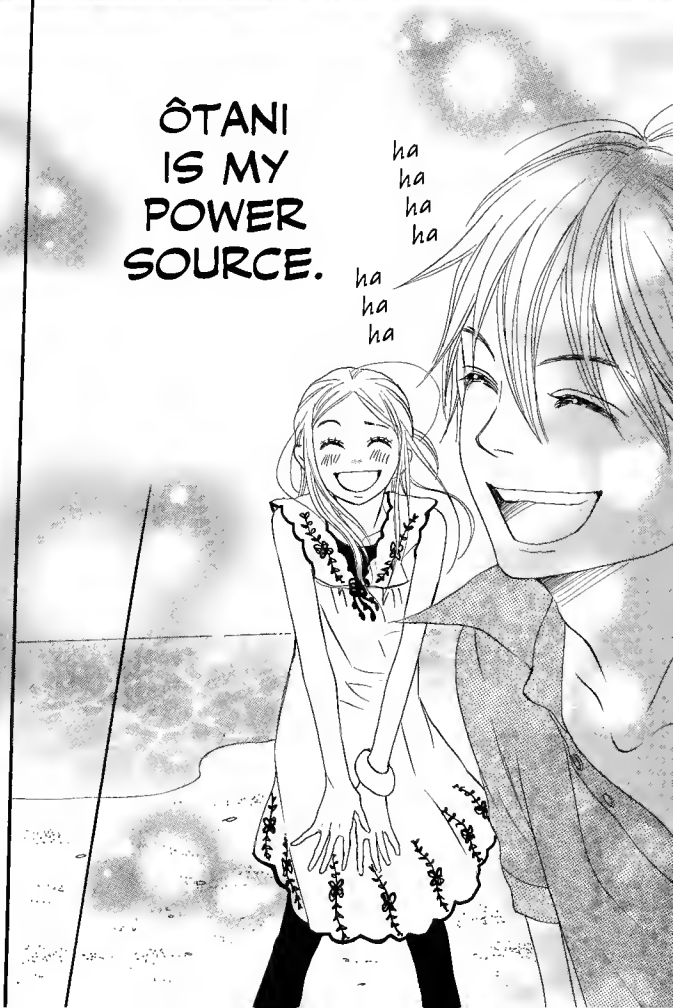
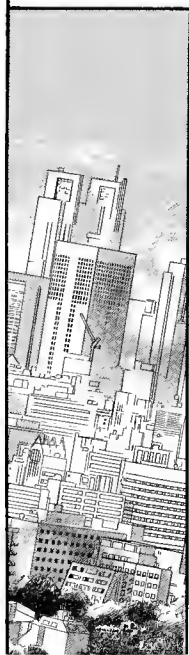
...I CAN  
ENDURE  
ANYTHING.





**ÔTANI  
IS MY  
POWER  
SOURCE.**

ha  
ha  
ha  
ha  
ha  
ha  
ha



DO WE  
HAVE TO  
KNOW  
ALL THIS?

Primary colors

Warm  
colors  
Cool  
colors

Colors  
Effects

YOU  
KNOW,  
I DON'T  
GET THIS  
STUFF  
AT ALL.

AWE-  
SOME!  
I'M  
TOTALLY  
LOST  
TOO!!

FROM  
NOW  
ON...

hee  
hee  
hee

YI PE

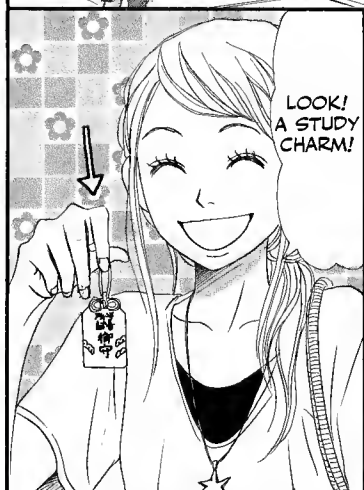




...PLEASE  
STAY  
CLOSE  
TO ME.

SORRY!

WHEN I'M  
FEELING  
DOWN,  
I NEED  
YOU TO  
CALL ME  
AN IDIOT.



LOOK!  
A STUDY  
CHARM!

SCHOLASTIC SUCCESS AMULET



学  
業  
成  
就  
御  
守



I  
STOPPED  
AT A  
SHRINE  
THIS  
MORNING.

HUH? A  
SHRINE?



YOU'RE  
LATE!

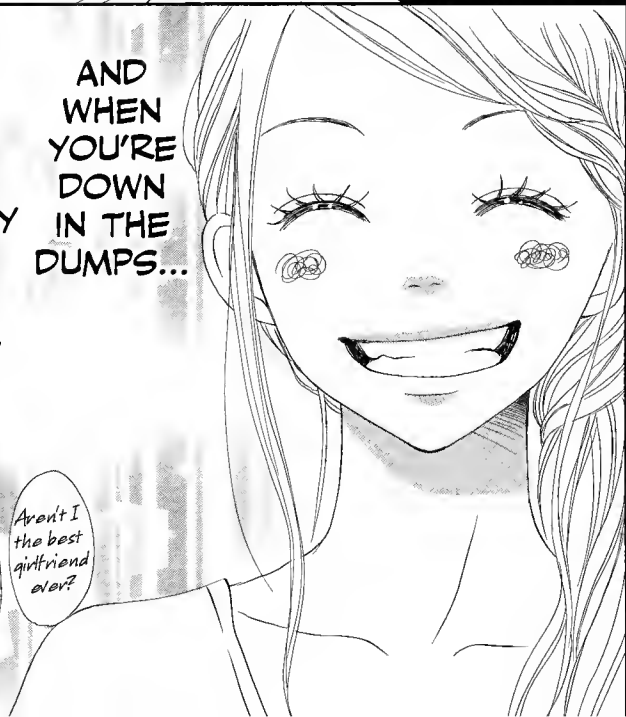


...I'LL  
HAVE MY  
IDIOT  
PUNCH  
READY.

AND  
WHEN  
YOU'RE  
DOWN  
IN THE  
DUMPS...

Don't  
let it  
get to  
your  
head

Aren't I  
the best  
girlfriend  
ever?



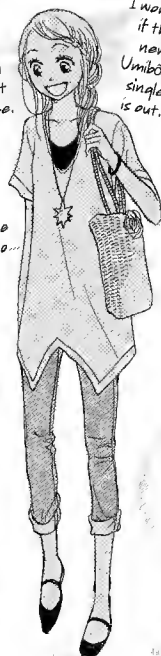
...FOREVER  
AND  
EVER.

LET'S  
WALK  
TOGETHER  
LIKE  
THIS...



I'm  
gonna  
do it at  
karaoke.

Me  
too...



I wonder  
if the  
new  
Umibōzu  
single  
is out.

《THE END》



# THE MAKING OF THE love★com ANIME



WE'RE  
BACK FOR  
THIS SPECIAL  
FEATURE,  
CHECKING  
OUT THE  
ANIME FROM  
BEHIND THE  
SCENES!!

HELLO!  
ÔTANI  
HERE!

HI!  
IT'S ME,  
KOIZUMI!

ARE YOU  
WATCHING  
THE ANIME  
VERSION OF  
LOVE★COM?



VOICE  
ACTORS  
ON THE  
OTHER SIDE  
OF THE  
GLASS!  
LET'S CHECK  
IT OUT!

LOOK!

WOW!  
ALL  
THIS  
EQUIP-  
MENT  
LOOKS  
SO  
COMPLI-  
CATED.



OKAY,  
ÔTANI-SAN,  
WHERE  
ARE WE?

STUDIO  
NO-3

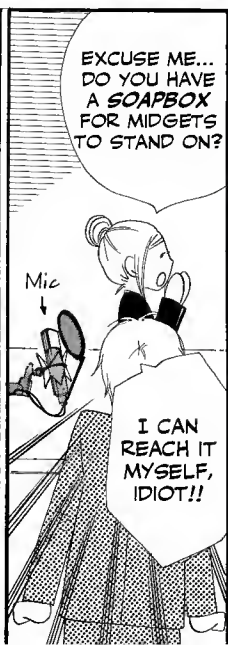
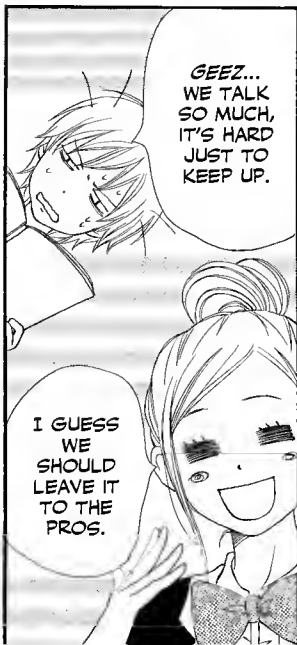
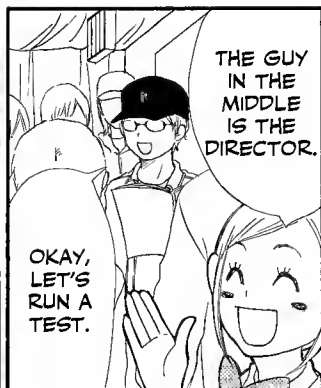
THIS  
IS THE  
RECORDING  
STUDIO  
FOR THE  
ANIME!  
LET'S  
GO ON  
INSIDE!

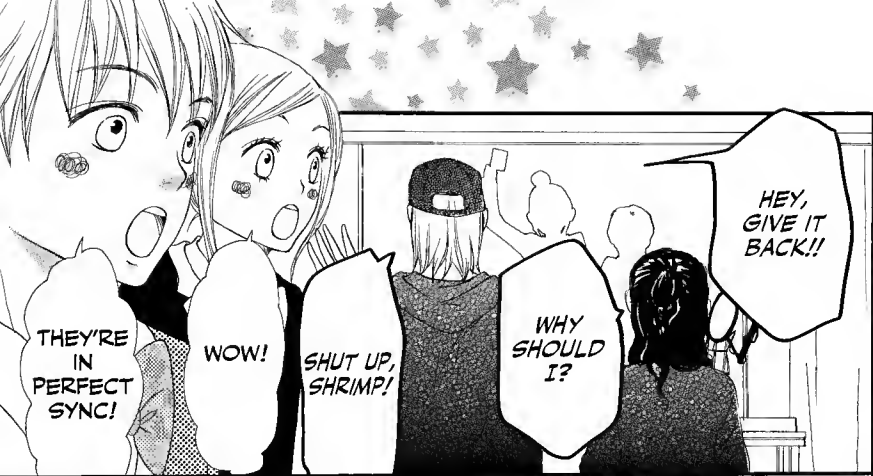


THERE  
ARE 12  
ACTORS  
IN ALL.

ARRGH!!  
THE  
ROOM'S  
PACKED!!







THEY'RE  
IN  
PERFECT  
SYNC!

WOW!

SHUT UP,  
SHRIMP!

WHY  
SHOULD  
I?

HEY,  
GIVE IT  
BACK!!



OKAY!  
GREAT!

...

YOU  
LIKE ME  
THAT  
MUCH?



GOOD  
LUCK,  
NAGATA-  
SAN!  
YOU'VE  
GOT LOTS  
AND LOTS  
OF EMBAR-  
RASSING  
LINES  
AHEAD OF  
YOU!

HE'S SO  
EMBAR-  
RASSED,  
HE'S  
HIDING  
HIS FACE!

PAF PAF



YOUR  
VOICE IS  
DONE BY  
AKIRA  
NAGATA!

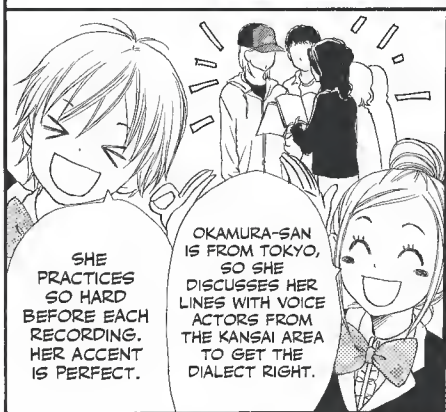
DROOL +

FOR  
CRYIN'  
OUT...

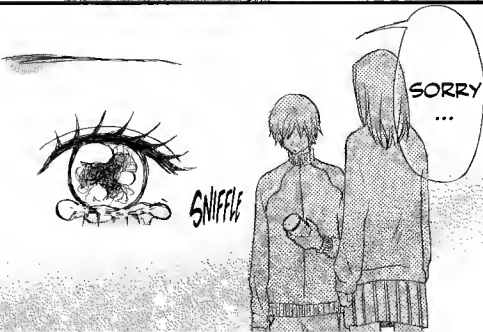
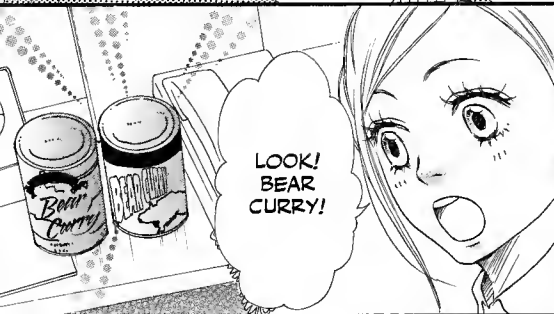
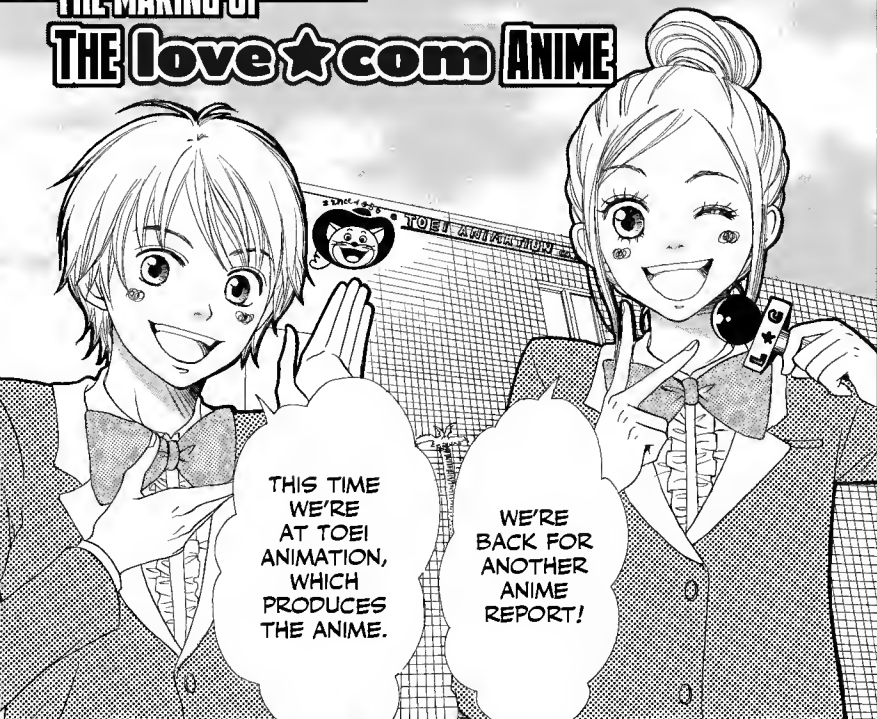
HE'S  
SOOO  
TALL!

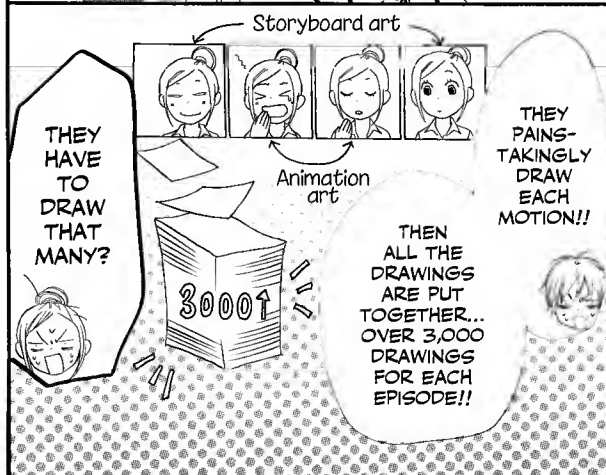
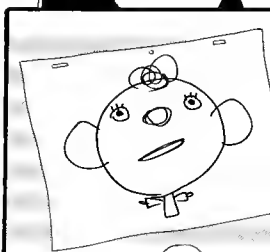
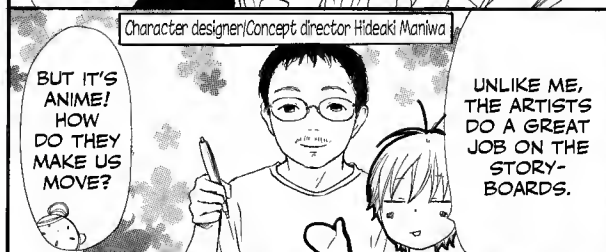
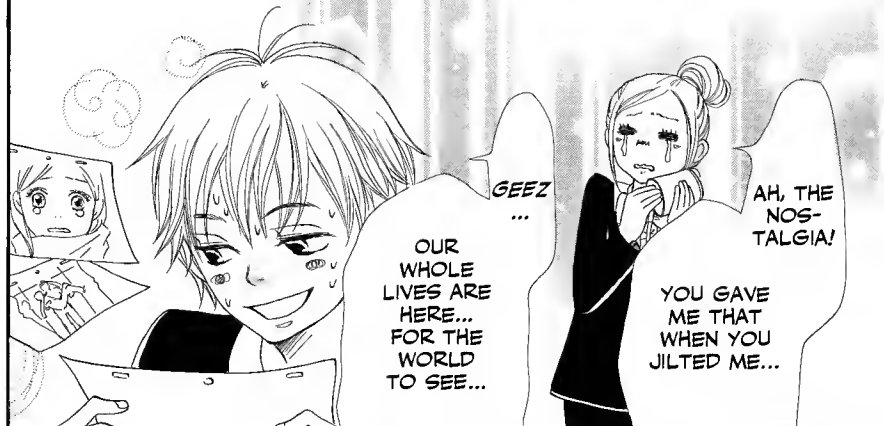
And  
so  
cool!  
♡



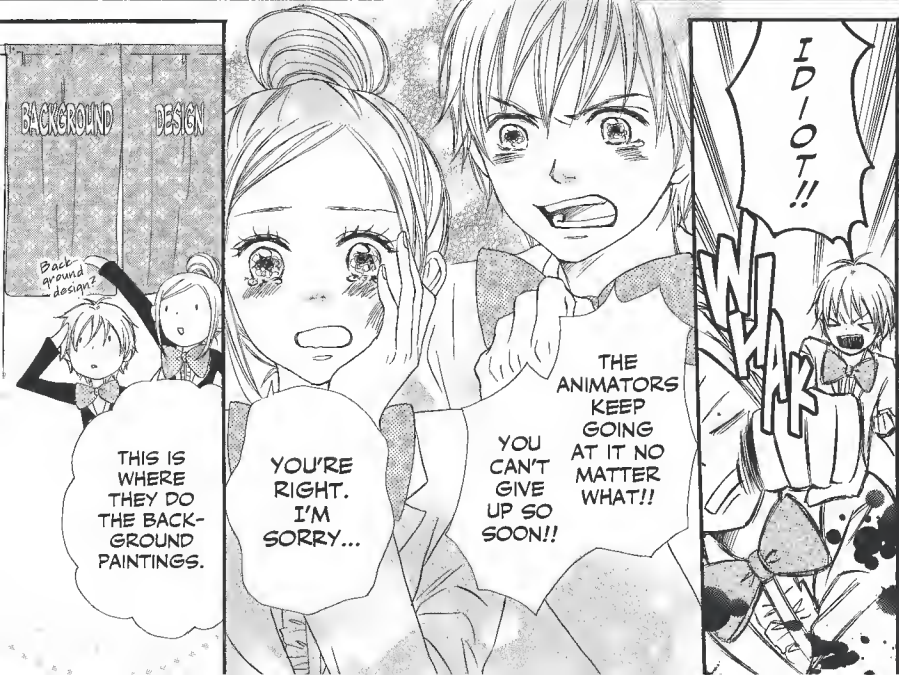
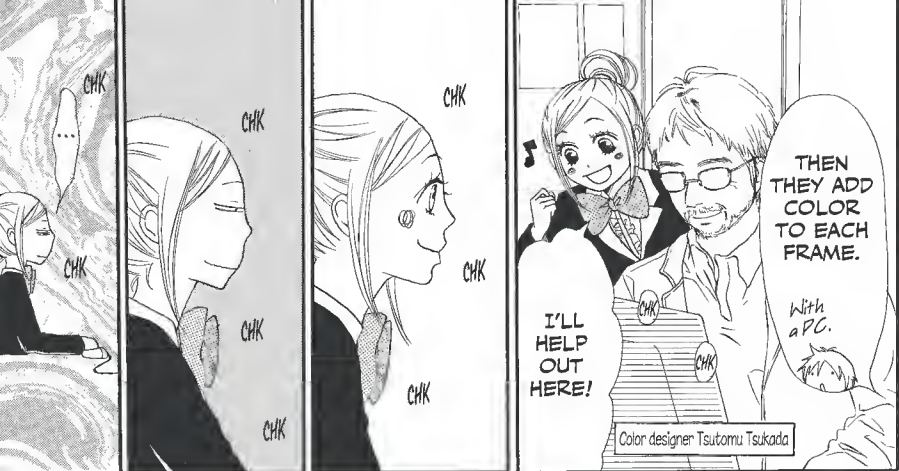


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